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# 'Why Tories are unpopular'

## Thatcher blames disappointment of the middle classes

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

BARONESS THATCHER delivered a punishing blow to John Major's attempts to bind the Conservative Party together last night when she scorned the "one-nation" Tory tradition and accused his Government of betraying the middle

The Prime Minister's hopes of a new year truce between his party's warring factions were blown apart as his predecessor said that the party was in trouble because Tory performance and policies had not lived up to its principles.

She rejected the policy agenda of the Conservative Left and told Mr Major that a shift to the centre ground made no political sense. She condemned the pro-European wing led by Sir Edward Heath

as "no-nation Conservatives". The idea that the Conservatives were in trouble because they had moved to the right was "baloney". Lady Thatcher said in her most important speech on domestic policy since leaving office in 1990.

And she appeared to challenge directly Mr Major's warning to his Cabinet against indulging in debate about Britain's part in a European single currency. Avoiding debate about the big issues led to directionless fail-

ure, she said. Her Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture, awaited with apprehension by her party, was more damaging than Downing Street had feared because of the starkness of her assessment of why the Conservatives are in such a difficult plight. She told her audience to

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consider why people were discontented. Was it because the Government had not spent, borrowed and taxed enough, or was it because the Government had gone too far towards increasing government spending, borrowing

She then said, in the most wounding jibe: "The answer is obvious. We are unpopular, above all, because the middle classes, and all those who aspire to join the middle classes, feel that they no longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a

and taxation.

Conservative Government." Ignoring Mr Major's plea for unity, she said that "splits and disagreements over important issues never did a

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party so much harm as the absence of honest, principled debate". And she poured salt in the wounds by singling out Cabinet rightwingers Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley and Michael How ard — and the leadership challenger John Redwood without mentioning any other

minister by name. Conservative MPs. including those on the right, were staggered by her outspokenness, although party officials described the speech as a helpful restatement of the Conservative case and maintained that they were relaxed about it. Mr Major was reported to be unmoved, while Mr Redwood described the speech as a "knockout perfor-

mance — star quality".

Lady Thatcher excoriated 
"malcontents" who claimed the Tories were in trouble because they had shifted rightwards, saying: "I am not sure what is meant by those who say that the party should return to something called one nation Conservatism. As far as I can tell by their views on European federalism, such people's creed would better be described as no-nation

"And certainly anyone who believes that salvation is to be found further away from the basic Conservative principles which prevailed in the 1980s small government, a propertyowning democracy, tax cuts, deregulation and national sovereignty - is profoundly mistaken."

Lady Thatcher launched a strong attack on Tony Blair's strained about Mr Blair himself. She admitted for the first time that there had been differences between herself and Mr Major - about how to achieve objectives rather than the objectives themselves and she even acknowledged that her own governments had made mistakes.

But these were eclipsed by the passion of her call for a return to the rightwing creed that sustained her governments. "The Conservative Party has problems not because our analysis has been wrong



Voters "feel they no longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a Conservative Government"

or our principles faulty," she said, "Our difficulties are due to the fact that, in certain limited but important respects, our policies and performance have not lived up to our analysis and principles. That is why the current idea, put around by some malcontents, that the Conservative Party is in trouble because it has moved to the right - and that this is what needs to be remedied - is baloney."

Lady Thatcher's supporters said that the was trying to deliver some home truths that would help, not hinder, her party's chances of re-election. She said it was time to spell out the objectives clearly so that a re-elected Conservative Government could go further toward fulfilling them. "The attractions of opposition are greatly exaggerated by those who have not experienced it,"

"Judging from the opinion polls, opposition is where the electorate is at present inclined to send us. For a variety of reasons, I believe that this would be ill-judged. The Conservative Party still has much to offer. And from Mr Blair's new - or not so new - Labour Party there is much to fear. But we must not ignore the present discontent."

Labour seized on the speech as further evidence of Tory disunity. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, taken the Prime Minister prisoner. Lady Thatcher has deliberately turned her back on one-nation Tories, and claimed John Major's agreement with her broad analysis. It is now up to him to say whether he sees himself in the tradition

of Thatcher and Keith Joseph

or the one-nation tradition of

Disraeli and Macleod."

#### **Ancient** backing group for the same old song

By MATTHEW PARRIS

ou always know what Margaret Thatcher means. Her assertions are unequivocal, her equivocations are pointed and her silences thunder. She has always believed the same things, she always says the same things, and she said them again yesterday.

She was saying them to a room contained, as it were, a great heritage collection, bro-ken up in an untimely way some six years ago and scaltered to the four corners of the globe, now recollected in the presence of its erstwhile curator. This was a regathering of the Thatcher diaspora.

Elderly people who were young when Keith Joseph was young, the middle-aged. to whom the baroness was the central political memory, and younger men and women for whom she is the mascot and Michael Portillo the leader-inwaiting were there. He, too. was there, impassive as she praised him.

She praised Mr Redwood, too. She praised Michael Howard and Peter Lilley. She – well *– mentioned* the Prime Minister, but not quite

by name. with age comes and deepening of the sources for which Lady Thatcher assumes philosophical, even spiritual, authority. Once it was Keith Joseph. He persuaded her to include Hayek. Later, Ronald Reagan joined the club. Churchill was increasingly mentioned.

But in yesterday's speech Continued on page 2, col 4

#### Cannabis worth £55m is seized

Shots were fired yesterday as police and customs officers seized 18 tonnes of cannabis worth £55 million at Erith. southeast London.

The haul, Britain's biggest, was discovered during a search of a container which had arrived at Felixstowe on January 5. Seven people have been arrested.

#### £1.000 bonuses

More than 34 million savers and borrowers with the Woolwich Building Society stand to receive bonus payouts worth an average of £1,000 when it becomes a stock market company next year. Only those with the company before December 31 last will \_Page 21

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England's cricketers overcame the distraction of a floodlight failure to win the second one-day international against South Africa by five unbeaten on 72 ...... Page 40

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## Mitterrand families unite

THE two families of François Mitterrand - one official and the other clandestine - were united for the first time at his funeral yesterday, in accordance with his last wishes. Anne Pingeot, the former French President's mistress

and their daughter Mazarine, stood in mourning alongside Danielle Mitterrand, her two sons and grandchildren.

children - accompanied the near his birthplace of Jarnac. Pierre was led by Mme Mit-terrand, in black with a white scarf. She held the arm of one son, Jean-Christophe, and was followed by the other, Gilbert. Behind came Mme Pingeot, her face hidden by a black veil,

arm-in-arm with Mazarine. The families, who had led

quite separate lives with M

In their first public appearance together, M Mitterrand's widow, his mistress and their coffin in a military plane from Paris to the air base at Cognac, The procession through Jarnac to the Church of St



Daughter Mazarine: turned into public figure

Mitterrand, were united in his loss. The implications of this public acknowledgment were probably far from their thoughts, but the death of her father has turned Mazarine from an almost unknown student at the Sorbonne into a

Her strong resemblance, at 21, to her father in his youth was noted by those who first graphs in Paris Match two years ago. French privacy

among journalists prevented details of the former President's best-known secret from leaking out earlier, although he did admit in 1984 to having an illegitimate daughter. Mme Pingeot is a curator of

sculpture at the Musée D'Orsay in Paris. After M Mitterrand became President, he cited security reasons and moved Mazarine and her mother to a government apartment on the Quai Branly near the Eiffel Tower, where he was a regular visitor. Mrne Mitterrand remained at their apartment on the Rue du Bièvre, also on the Left Bank, where M Mitterrand was said to come for Saturday lunch and

Sunday dinner. Even on country weekends. M Mitterrand distributed his time, taking Mazarine to the presidential château outside Paris. His country house at Latche was the site for official family gatherings with his sons and grandchildren.

#### Police hold fan of **Princess**

By JOANNA BALE

BERNARD OUINN, an obsessed fan of the Princess Royal, was arrested in Liverpool last night 25 minutes before she was due to attend an official engagement in the

city.
The Princess was visiting St
Nicholas's church in Tithebarn Street at 5pm to meet members of a victim support scheme. Her arrival passed without incident but police disclosed later that Ouinn, 53, from Westonsuper-Mare, had been arrested nearby shortly before.

He was charged with behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace and is due to appear before Liverpool City Magistrates Court today. He was being held in custody overnight. Police had staged a massive security operation during the visit amid fears for the safety of the Princess.

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#### Britain squeezes juice concession out of EU Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, hailed the reprieve. He continuation of a peculiarly British By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITONS were spared a 30p-a-litre rise in the price of freshly squeezed orange juice last night after the European Commission answered a government appeal to cut the cost of imported oranges.
The move will help to safeguard

habit because no one else in the EU has developed a freshly squeezed orange juice industry. The business is worth £12 million in the UK and directly employs 600 people, but it came under threat when new world trade accord tariffs were placed on imported fruit to protect EU growers.

Caught in the trap was the Late Valencia orange - unavailable in

Europe between December and April

— but the only fruit which meets
exacting British standards for freshlysqueezed juice. Britain imports 67,500 tonnes of juicing oranges a year, all but 7,500 tonnes from outside the EU. The concession to Britain, by far the

Europe, is technically valid only until March 31, but negotiators are confident they will be able to get it extended.

the death knell for an innovative UK industry. "The battle is not yet over and we must now work for a permanent

Without the concession the average shop price of fresh orange juice would have gone up from £2.39 to £2.69 a litre

said the increase would have sounded

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# Defiant Lilley presses ahead with asylum benefit cut



Lilley: said changes were

AND JUL SHERMAN

PETER LILLEY defied the Government's own advisers on social security last night by pressing ahead with plans to cut benefits paid to asylum seekers. In a highly critical report, the

Social Security Advisory Committee rejected government estimates of £200 million savings and recommended that the plans be ditched. The 14-member body said the changes were potentially racially divisive and risked making destitute "many people who are genuinely seeking refuge in this country, among whom may be numbered some of the most vulnerable and defenceless in our society".

But the Social Security Secretary insisted on going ahead with the new rules, which will affect up to 50,000 people a year seeking refuge

He argued that 90 per cent of those seeking asylum had their claims refused and said the new measures, which will come into effect on February 5, were "fair and necessary". He pointed out that 70 per cent of all asylum claims were made by people who entered Britain as tourists, students or businessmen. "No responsible government could ignore this growing misuse of taxpayers' money," he said. Giving a statement in the Com-

mons, Mr Lilley agreed to make one key concession by allowing those who had submitted claims for asylum or had appealed against rejection since last October to continue to receive benefit. About 13,000 people in this category will still be able to receive social security payments unless or until their claim or appeal is rejected.

The concession, which was condemned by the Tory Right, could cost the Government up to £30 mil-lion in the first year. The new rules do not apply to those who enter the

Jerry Hayes

Sir John Gorst

country as refugees, declaring themselves as asylum seekers at the point

Mr Lilley also said the Government would help councils with extra costs arising under homelessness legislation or the Children Act. although he refused to give a figure. The move follows a decision by two London boroughs, Westminster and Hammersmith and Fulham, to seek judicial review over the plans, which they claimed would cost them millions of pounds.

Labour immediately attacked Mr Lilley's decision to ignore the committee's report and questioned whether any savings would be bailed out. The committee produced the most critical report in its history on these proposals," said Keith Bradley, MP for Manchester Withington. "These regulations are inhumane and unjust. They will force thousands of asylum seekers onto the streets when their housing benefit and income support is

withdrawn." Tory MPs were also concerned about the impact of the new laws on local authorities. Peter Brooke, Tory MP for City of London and Westminster South, said: "Nothing could do more harm in terms of relations between the host community and

transferred to council tax payers. The committee chaired by Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpenter, said the changes would involve considerable administrative costs, making it unlikely that the projected £200 million savings would be achieved. The solution did not lie in the social security system but in faster and

more efficient asylum procedures. The Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture said the changes would be "one more nail in the coffin for asylum seekers and refugees". Helen Bamber of the foundation said it was "the cruellest form of hypocrisy".

### The Right praises rallying call but Left decries timing

# Thatcher attack on Brussels reopens old party wounds

By NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND ALICE THOMSON

BARONESS THATCHER'S call for her party to revert to her radical agenda delighted disciples on the Tory Right last night while infuriating the pro-Europeans of the Left.

Loyalist MPs were plunged into gloom as they braced themselves for another round of infighting triggered by the former Prime Minister's repudiation of John Major's attempts to keep peace in the

Her dismissal of the pro-European one-nation wing as 'No nation Conservatism" sparked the greatest anger. with its devotees branding her a treacherous has-been and claiming that her "mischiefmaking showed how out of touch she had become.

Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, accused her of making a "virtue out of disloyalty". He declared: "It's unbecoming of Lady Thatcher to use her conscience not as a guide but as her accomplice. She will never be forgiven."

Sir John Gorst, MP for Hendon North, said: "While she may be talking in half-truths. I doubt whether a speech from the grave was very wise. She is - politically speaking - in the grave. I think it's unhelpful at the present time when everyone agrees that parties that are involved in internal arguments are not very attractive to the electorate."

European, said that Lady Thatcher might be urging debate now, but she never tolerated dissent when she

was leader. Rightwingers pressing Mr Major to take a tougher line towards Europe by ruling out a single currency, or at least offering a referendum on it,

her words. One of the Right's standard-bearers said her Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture to the Centre for Policy Studies in the City of London was "dynamite" for its thinly veiled criticism of Mr Major's leadership style and policies. "She believes that to unite a party

you lead it in a clear direction," he said. Sir Rhodes Boyson, a Eurosceptic and former minister, said that Lady Thatcher would get a lot of support in the country for her views. The Tory party has to regain the patriotic working-class vote.

#### Labour surge

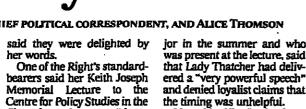
Labour has opened up a huge lead in the opinion polls. A Gallup survey for The Daily Telegraph today puts Labour on 60.5 per cent, 39.5 points ahead of the Tories on 21 per cent, and the Liberal Democrats on 14.5 per cent.

To do that we need a clear policy on Europe and that means the promise of a referendum.

"I too don't think we have gone too far to the Right. The massive increase in expenditure by this Government has caused the increase in taxmany former middle-class supporters of our party have turned their backs on us."

David Shaw, MP for Dover. said: "No one can find fault with what she says. People will find this very easy to support.

John Redwood, who unsuccessfully challenged Mr Ma-



He said: "The Tories have everything to be proud of. She is right that the idea of onenation politics has now been abused. We all wish for a prosperous nation that brings people together. But the one nation concept has been hijacked by certain people to support Euro-federalism. Her speech was star quality.'

Kenneth Baker said: "Margaret Thatcher is one of the strongest assets of the Tory party even now. She reminded us of the success of the Tories in the Eighties and told the next generation that they can't get success in the Nineties by abandoning it."

Labour leaders were delighted by Lady Thatcher's criticisms of the Government and the spectacle of fresh Tory feuding. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, said: "Margaret Thatcher has taken the Prime Minister pris-oner. Lady Thatcher has deliberately turned her back on one-nation Tories; and claimed John Major's agreement with her broad analysis.

"It is now up to him to say whether he sees himself in the tradition of Thatcher and Keith Joseph or the one-nation tradition of Disraeli and Macwith contempt." Charles Kennedy, for the Liberal Democrats, said:

Lady Thatcher, in a no-holds harred attack on Europe and one-nation Conservatism, is further blowing apart any lingering hope of Tory unity.

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#### **Funding** pledge as peers debate divorce

By Frances Gibb AND JAMES LANDALE

THE Lord Chancellor, in an attempt to stifle opposition to his controversial divorce reforms, said yesterday that more government funds would be provided to cut the rate of marriage breakdown. As the Lords began to consider more than 200 amendments to the Family Law Bill on the first day of its committee stage, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who has responsibility for funding

marriage guidance, under-lined his personal commit-ment to the institution of marriage. He said new funds would go to projects that could help reduce the rate and costs of marriage breakdown. In particular, they might have to be directed at marriage preparation projects and encouraging people to seek help before their problems became a

Lord Mackay is under fire from peers who say the Bill, which removes the concept of fault from divorce law, is undermining marriage. Many of his critics want the proposed time limit of 12 months before divorce can be granted increased to 18 months. If Lord Mackay is forced to lengthen the one-year limit, he could run into opposition from Lab-our who would argue that it is against the interests of children to lock them into an unhappy marriage.

Lord Mackay has also argued that the longer the riod before divorce, the greater the number of exceptions there may have to be. because of the potential hardship to children. The more exceptions, the more the general principle is undermined. At present, 75 per cent of divorcing couples obtain a "quickie" divorce in six months or less.

Lord Mackay told the Lords that, despite some reports, he remained committed to the 12 months' reflection period. The position is that the Government's policy on the period remains at one year." He also denied that the Bill said no one was to blame for a divorce. There is no suggestion that there is no fault. But there is a suggestion that it is not a

sound basis for a divorce law." Moving the first amend-ment to the Bill last night, Lord Stallard, a former Labour MP, called for the Bill to support the institution of marriage, to ensure that all practi-cable steps are taken to prevent the breakdown of marriage, to minimise the bitterness and hostility between the parties and reduce the trauma for children. He said: "This Bill does little in its present form to support the institution of marriage. This Bill does make divorce easier for many people and that is what is worrying us."

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### Gang steals £5m in raid on post office

An armed gang escaped with £5 million from a post office after one of the raiders had approached a mail worker in Hastings, East Sussex, showed him a photograph of his family and convinced him they were being held captive, a police spokesman said last night. The worker was forced to belp the gang to gain access through a rear entrance of the main Hastings Post Office in Cambridge Road on Wednesday night.

Once inside, four other masked men, two with shotguns and one with a handsum, field up three members of staff

and one with a handgun, tied up three members of staff working there. Two were secured with handcuffs. In 20 minutes the thieves bundled up £5 million which had been intended to pay out pensions and social security benefits yesterday. They escaped in a light-coloured Luton van. After the alarm was raised police discovered that the hostage threat had been a calculated bluff.

#### Intelligence switch

Colin Budd, 50, the Chef de Cabinet to Sir Leon Brittan at the European Commission, is returning to London as the next chairman of the Cabinet Office Joint Intelligence Committee and head of the Cabinet Office overseas and defence policy secretariat. Mr Budd, who has served in Bonn, The Hague, Islamabad and Warsaw, replaces Paul Lever, another senior diplomat who has been promoted to deputy under-secretary for European affairs.

#### Winter time wrangle

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, promised to bary a backbench Tory Bill to create longer winter afternoons. In a move that has infuriated many Conservative MPs in southern England, Mr Forsyth made clear that he would do everything in his power to kill the Bill to harmonise hours in Britain with those in the rest of the European Union. He says it would mean later winter dawns in Scotland and is "totally unnecessary".

#### **Baring Foundation**

The Baring Foundation, the charitable arm of the Barings financial empire, has announced its first grants programme since the bank's collapse nearly a year ago cut off its main source of income. The foundation, which was one of Britain's top ten grant-making trusts, has been forced to reduce its activities and will now concentrate on funding community organisations. It will make grants of up to £1.5 million this year, compared with £16.4 million in 1994.

#### Police question two

Two men were being questioned last night about the murder of a police garage-hand, left tied to his bed for ten days by introders. Detectives investigating the death of Alan Holmes, 53, arrested the men in Kentish Town, north London, near the victim's home in Camden Town. Mr Holmes was beaten to force him to disclose his bank card Pin numbers. Police appealed for help in tracing his driving licence, passport and two silver frames.

#### Jurors stay out again

The Maxwell trial jury was sent to a hotel for a fourth night after failing to reach unanimous verdicts. When the seven women and five men returned to the Old Bailey courtroom yesterday afternoon, Lord Justice Phillips told them that if they had not reached verdicts by Saturday, they would have Sunday off. Kevin Maxwell. 36, his brother Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, a former Maxwell aide, deny conspiracy to defraud the pension funds.

#### School wounding charge

A boy aged 14 was charged with conspiracy to wound another teenager after being arrested by police investigat-ing the death of the headmaster Philip Lawrence. A 15-yearold boy has been charged with the murder of Mr Lawrence and assaulting a pupil outside their London school. ☐ Four teenagers were arrested yesterday by police investigating the stabbing last year of John Mills, husband of Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions.

#### Internet essay warning

Universities told students yesterday they would be disciplined for plagiarism if they copy high-scoring essays placed on the luternet. Gradnet (UK), of Aughton, Lancashire, is charging £2 for essays, which can be sent on disc or via e-mail. It has advertised in student magazines that it will also pay students £10 for the work it sends out, which must have received a mark of more than 60 per cent, an upper-second grade.



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#### Same old song As the friendly host from

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"the Board" (as we might call it) of early Thatcherites was ambitiously extended. Kipling has arrived. Gladstone appears to have been a budding Thatcherite. Cobden and Bright were mentioned: Hume and Locke also joined the fan club. Milton, it seems, would have approved. So would Erasmus and

John Redwood

David Shaw

Montaigne. Warming to her theme (and quoting Hayek) the baroness took an astonishing leap into ancient history, to discover that Cicero, Tacitus, Pericles and Thucydides only failed to call themselves Thatcherites because they had not yet heard of Lady Thatcher. Funny. I used to working her office in the late 70s. But I

never remember her mentioning Thucydides.

history expands, so does the enemy. Yesterday Lady Thatcher found time for a swipe at Ted Heath (not mentioned by name, of course), Nigel Lawson (not named), the whole of Sweden. Christian democracy, most of Europe, Neil Kinnock and (by implication) Disraeli. Lady Thatcher ages, but not

fast or much. Her voice deepens a little and her face thins. The crowd that used to support her when Keith Joseph was ascendant in the 70s was small but devout, as were the Corinthians to Paul. In the 80s, the crowd swelled enor-

mously and became a mob. Last night we were back to the Corinthians again. But she was the same, laying down the Epistle as ever, the

## IRA considers destroying weapons in front of an independent witness

By Nicholas Watt AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MICHAEL ANCRAM, the Northern Ireland Minister, sounded an upbeat note yesterday after Sinn Fein said that the IRA might be prepared to destroy its weapons in the presence of an independent witness.

As John Major met the former US senator George Mitchell, the chairman of the international commission. and two fellow commission members at Downing Street last night, government officials said there was room for encouragement in Sinn Fein's

Amid fresh hopes that the

proposal could help to overcome the deadlock in the peace process, Dublin said it was encouraged by the suggestion in Sinn Fein's submission to the Mitchell commission on decommissioning. Mr Ancram said: "I have read what was published with interest. We have made it clear all along that we are looking for weapons to be taken out of

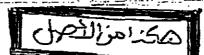
commission permanently." The Prime Minister's talks with the three-man commission ended after 75 minutes, with Mr Mitchell saying he expected his report would be ready on time next Thursday. Downing Street said the men had enjoyed a "useful and productive exchange". Senator Mitchell underlined the im-portance of the recent Northern Ireland murders in his commmission's discussions. He said: "We hope we can contribute to a process where such actions will no longer occur." He refused to speculate whether the Sinn Fein move would bring the condusion of the peace process any

The commission is to hold talks today with John Bruton. the Irish Prime Minister, and over the weekend with Unionist MPs and loyalist representatives. Gary McMichael, the leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, which has links to the Ulster Defence Association. described Sinn Fein's proposal

as realistic. He said: "The option of paramilitary organisations decommissioning their weapons takes away difficulties, particularly within the republican camp, of handing over their weapons to the British or Irish Governments."

At the meeting Mr Ancram expressed unease about allowing the IRA to destroy its own arms because of "potentially significant practical and legal difficulties, including problems of verification and the risk to public safety". However, Sinn Fem has acknowledged his concerns by accepting that such a process would have to be verified





# Soldiers search jungle for kidnapped Britons

TROOPS were sent into the Indonesian jungle yesterday to rescue four British biologists kidnapped by separatist

Two British diplomats also arrived in the mountainous province of Irian Jaya, regarded as one of the most inhospitable, primitive and least charted, to negotiate the re-lease of the four Cambridge graduates.

They were among 24 people, seven Westerners and 17 Indonesians, seized by armed members of the Free Papua Movement. The group said the abductions were part of a campaign to escape Indone-sian rule.

The Britons are members of a research expedition called Lorentz 95 and were studying rare flora and fauna and how the Nduga tribe uses the wildlife. They had been staying with tribes that only recently emerged from the Stone Age, and were captured

By Russell Jenkins

IRIAN JAYA is so remote that

anthropologists are still dis-

covering new tribes. The

prvince, which borders Papua

New Guinea, is one of the last

The area, two degrees south

of the equator, has mountain

glaciers, rain forest, swamps,

mangroves and coral reefs. Its

people speak 700 languages.

Tribesmen wearing bird of paradise feathers in their

head-dresses and penis

gourds barter two or three

pigs for a new wife and hunt

birds with arrows and spears.

Cannibalism was abandoned

A proposed Lorentz nature

reserve, which the World Wide Fund for Nature wants

to be a world heritage site, is

home to an array of birds of

paradise, tree kangaroos and saltwater crocodiles. The

quest for preservation has become more urgent as mass migration, "slash and burn"

agriculture and pollution

threaten the wilderness.
The WWF has charted 56

areas of outstanding ecologi-

cal importance in the region;

ten of which have been recognised by the Indonesian

A race is on to exploit the

rich mineral deposits of the

province. It has gold, copper

and oil. The rain forests have

already attracted logging com-panies and illegal fish fac-

Government.

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Oates: was studying wildlife and tribes

by the guerrillas late on Monday night at their base in Mapunduma village in the

Baliem Valley. The missing Britons are Daniel Start, 21, from London Bill Oates, 22, from Jedburgh, Borders, Anna McIvor, 21,

Plunder and wonder on

land that time forgot

Dani tribesmen in the Baliem Valley at a

ceremony to divide a dead man's wealth

Darwin's contemporary, Alfred Wallace. The main

reason it has remained so

untouched is it has only a

small population, about one and a half million. It is twice

the size of Britain yet has only

the same number of roads of a

small London suburb. It is very much under threat."

The tribespeople are Mela-

nesian, and related to the

Pacific islanders in the Solo-

In recent years they have

been threatened by Indone-

sia's policy of populating the

island with migrants from Java. Today there are more

newcomers than indigenous

mon Islands and Fiji.

tribespeople.

Fleet, Hampshire. A German and two Dutchmen were also Susan McIvor, Anna's

mother, spoke of her concern last night. "There are all sorts of fears at this stage."

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We do not want to speculate about the level of danger they are in. The fact they have been taken and are being held is a cause for concern. We want them to be released as quickly as

The biologists, who graduated last summer, organised a rave party in Cambridge to raise some of the £20,000 cost of the three-month expedition. They also raised £3,000 by coming second in a conservation award.

Tutors and friends were confident the quartet would stand up well to their circumstances. Natalie Baron, 20, a fellow student, said: "To have undertaken this kind of project from Bournemouth, and An-nette van der Kolk, Zi, from to be intrepid. You have got to

be fairly self-sufficient." Dr Ken Riley, senior tutor at Clare College, where Mr Oates studied, said: "I don't know if anybody can be expected to cope well in this sort of situation, but if I was choosing anyone, it would be

The local news agency.

Antara, reported that the Indonesian authorities have sent 300 troops to mount a rescue attempt. Lieutenant-Colonei Maulud Hidayat, Irian Jaya military spokesman, said he had not received any ransom demand. "We are searching for them with all efforts and all the equipment we have,"

Groups such as the World Wide Fund for Nature are working with local contacts to reassure the indigenous population that the kidnapped Britons were working on their behalf.

Russell Betts, WWF spokesman in Jakarta, said: "We are trying to get the message out that what our people are doing is in their interests. We are trying with our research to make sure in the area that tribal rights and traditional ways with which the people interact with nature are respected."

A spokesman for the Indonesian Biological Science Club, which co-sponsored the venture, said: "We and the WWF are deeply concerned about the safety and security of our colleagues who have been kidnappd, and stand ready to work fully with the military to secure their safe release. We urge the relevant authorities to do everything in their power to secure the safe release of our colleagues."

The Baliem Valley, first seen by Westerners in 1938, is home to 100,000 tribespeople who are famed for their warrior tradition. Some travellers say, however, that they are essentially a gentle race and that visitors are accorded a warm welcome.

The Free Papua Movement have been conducting lowlevel armed resistance since 1965, two years after Indonesia the region. The people of West Papua, named Irian Jaya by Indonesia, want to ally themselves with neigh-bouring Papua New Guinea, and believe their plight has been ignored by the international community.

The Free Papua Movement claims 43,000 Papuans have been killed by the Indonesian army since 1977, and now believes that only radical action can draw attention to the people's plight. The guerrillas are still holding high school two students kidnapped last November in Jayapura, the capital of Irian Jaya. The military authorities rejected a



Julia Carling walking her dog Biff yesterday. She blamed her husband's friendship with the Princess of Wales for the failure of their 1994 marriage, below



#### **Carlings** call in the divorce lawyers after rift

By Emma Wilkins

THE marriage of Will Car-ling, the England rugby cap-tain, and his wife Julia is to end after just 15 months together. The couple, who separated last September, have asked their lawyers to begin discussions about a divorce settlement at a meet-

ing next week.

Mrs Carling, 30, who presents a daytime television show, has blamed her husband's friendship with the Princess of Wales for her marriage problems. But Mr Carling 30, said his relation-

ship with the Princess was entirely innocent. Hugh Young, a specialist in matrimonial law who is representing Mr Carling, said he could not foresee any difficulties in ending the mar-riage. "It's a sad business but there are no children and it

was a short marriage. 'Apart from the pers ities involved. I can't see that it would be of any great interest." Mr Young, who is the family law partner at Freeth Cartwright Hunt Dickins, added: "I am not aware of any third party

being involved at all." Mr Young is now arrang ing a meeting with Alan Kaufman, Mrs Carling's lawver, for next week. "My instructions are to meet her solicitor to see what his client has to say about the marriage and the future. That would mean discussing some kind of settlement," he said.

Mr Kaufman, of Forsyte Saunders, Kerman, a firm of London solicitors, said yester-day: "Myself and my firm have been instructed by Julia in connection with the breakdown of her marriage."

Since the Carlings have been separated for just four months, a "quickie" divorce could take place only on the grounds of adultery, unreasonable behaviour, or desertion. An alternative strategy could be to live apart for another 20 months.

Mrs Carling, who is still living in the marital home in Putney, southwest London, took the couple's labrador for a walk yesterday but refused

## Man drives body to police station

BY JOANNA BALE

POLICE arrested a man yes-terday after he drove into their yard of their station and said he had the body of a murdered woman in his car. Detectives rushed outside

and found the dead woman propped up in the front passenger seat of a Volvo. She had allegedly been strangled, al-though no cause of death will be established until a post-mortem examination is held. Police confirmed last night that they were holding a 30year-old man in custody in connection with the murder of a 27-year-old woman.

Six hours earlier police at Slough Police Station in Berkshire had received a 999 call in which the caller alleged that a woman had thrown herself behind her husband's car as it was being reversed out of the driveway of the family home.

Walker: has a criminal record from childhood

The driver, who comes from Manor Park in Slough, was arrested immediately after police confirmed the discovery of the body. The woman was certified dead by a police

Peter Ramshaw, head of the

WWF's Asia project office,

said biologists have been fasci-

nated by Irian Jaya since it was described by Charles

Police later confirmed the dead woman had been driven to Slough Police Station by her husband. She had been propped up in the front seat of the car during the two-mile drive to the station from their home. The murder inquiry is being led by Detective Super-intendent Michael Short, of

Slough police. The incident earlier, in which a woman threw herself under the wheels of her husband's car, was treated by both police and ambulance crews as a domestic incident. The woman did not need to receive hospital treatment.

## Live TV urged to spike topless darts

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE British Darts Organisation has accused the cable television channel Live TV of "undermining the sport of darts and demeaning women" with its late-night show Topless Darts.

The organisation, which represents Britain's eight million darts enthusiasts, said it will be writing to the Mirror Group, Live TV's owners, to express its "displeasure and disgust at the two-minute programme, which Live TV began broadcasting earlier

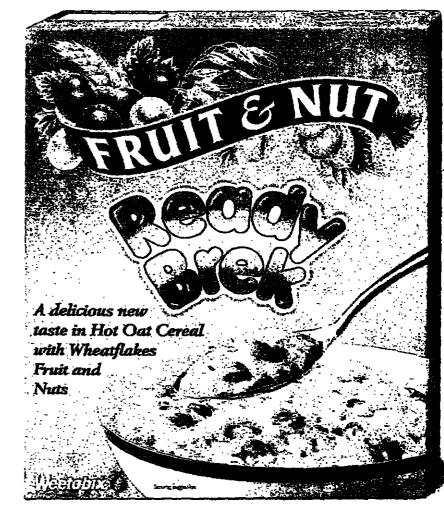
Robert Holmes, spokesman for the organisation, said that about a quarter of darts players were women. "When we first heard about this programme we thought it was a joke. It is the last thing see happen. A lot of the men

Chained inmate is habitual thief

about it too," he said. Mr Hoimes added that playing darts topless was probably dangerous. "Darts have a habit of rebounding

out of the board," he said. Mark Cullen, assistant managing director of Live TV. admitted that the programme was partly a publicity gimmick. Only 1.2 million homes with cable television can re-ceive Live TV and audiences are thought to run in the low

Kelvin MacKenzie, the former Editor of The Sun and now managing director of Live TV, is widely seen as the inspiration behind Topless Darts. The programmes, recorded on Bondi Beach in Australia, show topless



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## weapon's withess



BY RICHARD FORD AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

A PRISONER who caused a political row after she was shackled to a hospital bed during labour is an habitual thief who was jailed for snatching a handbag with £5,100 from a Japanese

Annette Walker, who said she wanted to die of shame in the chains, has a criminal record stretching back to her schooldays. She was pregnant when she was sent to jail for the first time in her criminal

12 times for 17 theft offences -

before being sent to Holloway in north London. She has three children, who are being looked after by her mother and former husband.

Before jailing her for four years last September, a judge at Middlesex Crown Court said Walker was an habitual and determined thief who, with her co-defendant and partner David Glide, had made a career out of dishonesty. The judge said it would be untair to other offenders to treat her differently because she was female and had become pregnant after the

He said other courts had

her and to administer a short, sharp shock. He had a duty to protect the public. Walker gave birth to an 81b

9oz daughter on January 2. She is threatening to take the Home Office to the European Court of Human Rights, claiming that her treatment was cruel and degrading. Walker was jailed for an offence committed in May 1994. She and Glide had pleaded not guilty. Glide was

arrested in Germany, then Walker became pregnant with her fourth child and became ill. The trial jury found both defendants guilty. Glide was

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## Challenger will carry revolvers as guard against war zones and to repel grizzly bears

## Balloon goes up in the race to be first round globe

By Oliver August and Mark Fuller

RICHARD BRANSON faces a challenger in the race to become the first balloonist to fly round the world. Henk Brink, a 52-year-old Dutch helicopter pilot and adventurer, expects to launch his attempt from the Dutch town of Nijmegen early next week.

His high-tech equipment matches Mr Branson's and Mr Brink is confident he can outpace the Virgin chairman, who is due to lift off from Morocco, also next week.

The challenge to Mr Branson is more real than that of the American balloonist Steve Fossett, who crash landed in New Brunswick, Cana-

da, on Wednesday.

A spokesman for Herr Brink said: "Weather conditions are becoming extremely favourable and a launch could be possible from Monday

Mr Brink intends that his Unicef Flyer balloon should be propelled initially by the polar and then the sub-tropical jet stream. The Dutch balloon will travel east over more than throughAsia, the Middle East, the Pacific, America and the Atlantic before landing "east of Nijmegen - anywhere be-tween Norway and North

Africa".

The Dutch team has been ready to take off since December, waiting for ideal weather conditions: no wind on the ground and a ferocious jet

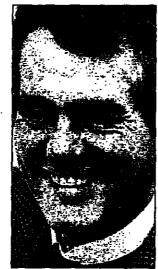
Mr Brink said: "The flight is virtually in the realm of space travel. At a height of 12 kilometres, the temperature is -55C and the air pressure two tenths of a bar. This means the craft's design has to be ex-tremely high-tech and costly." The 200n Unicef Fiver is a

compound balloon, with an upper compartment filled with helium and a lower section that contains hot air heated by propane burners.

At night when the helium contracts without the warmth from sunlight, the burners



Branson: Morocco start



Brink: Dutch lift-off

will heat the air, which will transfer the warmth to the helium, preventing the balloon from losing altitude.

Both the Branson and Brink balloons have pressurised and heated capsules and are valued at more than £3 million. They will travel at speeds of up to 240mph in the core jet. streams found more than seven miles above the Earth's

The so-called "jet max" streams, usually the preserve of aeroplanes, travel at twice

will accompany Mr Branson. said: "The temperature will tell us when we are in jet max. When it suddenly turns colder we know we have picked one up." The third member of the Branson team is Rory McCarthy.

The crew of each balloon will spend their days crouched inside the capsule, which is only big enough for one person to stand up in.

The balloons will have the same navigation instruments as planes, including a collision-warning system. Air traf-fic controllers around the world will monitor their progress and redirect planes away from them.

Over the Atlantic when there is no radar they will make their positions known via radio. At 175ft Mr Branson's Virgin Global Challenger is slightly smaller than Mr Brink's than Mr Brink's.

The Virgin Global Challenger was tested yesterday in a huge hangar at Cammeli Laird shipyard on Merseyside in preparation for the launch. near Marrakech. The yard is one of the few places big enough to inflate and test it under cover. About 20 workers were called in to sweep the main hangar's floor clean of any debris to make sure there was no risk of anything puncturing the material.

Mr Brink will be accompanied by Colonel William Hageman, a 48-year-old Dutch military attaché to Canada and former Fl6 pilot. A third crew member Wout third crew member, Wout Bakker, 32, a communications specialist who was selected from 1,400 applications, unex-pectedly pulled out of the mission last month for "serious personal reasons", although there were suggestions he was unhappy with the safety precautions.

Mr Brink response was: The crew will have parachutes and be armed with revolvers in case we come down in a war zone or a wilderness with a grizzly bear



The Virgin Global Challenger undergoing a test inflation at the Cammell Laird shipyard yesterday

## Branson sued over lottery claim

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

GUY SNOWDEN, the chairman of the American lottery contractor GTech, is suing Richard Branson for defamation over claims that he tried to bribe the Virgin entrepreneur to pull out of the bidding to run the National Lottery.

Mr Snowden has repeatedly denied Mr Branson's alletions, which were made during a Panorama pro-gramme last month. It is understood that he decided to sue when Mr Branson threatened earlier this week not to co-operate with an independent inquiry into the allega-

tions set up by Oflot, the libel on December 15 against GTech - which has a 22 per lottery regulator. "I have taken this action to cent stake in Camelot, the restore my good name," Mr Snowden said yesterday. He lottery operator - and Robert Rendine, its director of comsaid he intended to co-operate munications, for branding with the Oflot inquiry. him a liar. He issued a second The fact that Mr Snowden writ on January 2, this time

is suing only Mr Branson, naming Mr Snowden. and not Panorama or the A spokesman for BBC who were responsible Branson said that he stood for broadcasting the allega-tions, suggests that the disby everything he has said. We will vigorously defend the action and look forward to pute between the two men has seeing Mr Snowden in court." become personal. Mr Branson also seems to be It is likely that the three cases will be consolidated, although it will be months taking the affair personally. He initially issued a writ for

before the action comes to court. The case relates to a lunch at Mr Branson's west London home in September 1993 where he claims Mr Snowden attempted to bribe him not to bid for the lottery contract. John Jackson, who set up Mr Branson's lottery bid and who is now chief executive of Sketchley, was at the

lunch and has supported Mr Branson's version of events. The case is likely to cast a shadow over the official Offici. inquiry, which is expected to be held behind closed doors and last two to three weeks.

#### Tornado crewmen survive new crash

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO more RAF crewmen escaped yesterday when another Tornado crashed during a training flight in Germany. It was the third Tornado to be lost in two days. after the mid-air collision be tween two F3 air defence aircraft over Lincolnshire on Wednesday. Yesterday's incident in-volved a GR1 strike aircraft

which was flying with two other Tornados near Münster when it dived and hit open ground. The navigator was seriously injured but the pilot suffered only minor injuries. The jets were flying at medium level - more than

1,000ft - because regular lowevel training is banned in The latest crash means that the RAF has lost 22 Tornados, both the air defence and strike versions, since 1990. A replace-

ment costs up to £25 million. The toll of crashes reads: five in 1990, four in 1991, none in 1992, one in 1993, six in 1994, three last year and three so far this year. A board of inquiry was set up to investigate yesterday's incident which happened at

about 3pm local time near the town of Albachten, south of Münster. The three Tornados. which were on a training sortie, were from 14 Squadron based at RAF Brüggen.

The other two Tornados were not involved in the incident and returned to their

base. The crewmen of the doorned Tornado were picked up by RAF search and rescue helicopters after ejecting from the aircraft. The pilot was taken to an RAF hospital and the navigator to a German military hospital

A spokeswoman for the British forces in Germany said the cause of the crash was unknown. The Tornado was carrying a number of practice bombs made of plastic and cement, which contain no

Preliminary inquiries have established that the two aircraft destroyed on Wednesday, from RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire, were not at 800ft as claimed by witnesses. They collided at 14,000ft a few minutes after take-off.

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### A health service without a bed available when needed is a deception, say Lib Dems

# Doctors blame casualty crisis on the Government

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS are cracking under the strain of a surge in emergency admissions that has caused casualty units to close and patients to be turned away, doctors' leaders said vesterday.

The British Medical Association said pressure had been building for two or three years and had reached crisis point in some hospitals. It blamed "cash-driven rather than care-driven policies" for the closure of beds. Emergency admissions rose by more than 6 per cent last year but funding for emergency work had been cut by 1 to 2 per cent. the BMA said. Earlier research showed a 13 per cent rise in emergency admissions in the previous

Over the same period, since 1991, 9,000 acute beds have been lost, 7 per cent of the total, as hospitals treat patients more quickly and focus on day surgery. The BMA said



Geoffrey Cranswick died soon after admission

the closures had gone too far. Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA, said: "There is a potentially lethal cocktail of problems — a lack of slack in the system due to the run down in beds, staff shortages because many youngsters are fed up and a disastrous shortfall in community care." Hos-

pitals were running at 90 to 95 per cent of capacity, leaving no flexibility for peaks and troughs in demand. In winter, flu, accidents and falls, and illness caused by the cold weather all increased demand. Doctors say that they cannot admit patients for whom they do not have beds, staff or resources and GPs spend hours phoning in the

search for beds.

Dr Macara said: "There are reports of a situation in some hospitals that can only be described as a crisis. We don't know how widespread it is but we want action to avert a

national crisis."

It emerged yesterday that staff at the Bradford Royal Infirmary in West Yorkshire had spent more than two hours trying to find an intensive care place for Geoffrey Cranswick, 66, after he collapsed in his doctor's surgery last Tuesday. Nine hospitals were unable to offer a bed and Mr Cranswick was eventually flown 70 miles to Scarborough

by police helicopter. He died 20 minutes after arriving, although medical staff say that his condition was so poor the delay probably made little difference.

Yesterday a Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust spokesman said it was affected by the nationwide shortage of nursing staff. The infirmary has only five intensive care beds for a population of about 500,000. On the day Mr Cranswick was brought in, one bed was empty, but could not be used because of a staff

There was embarrassment at the trust when it emerged later that Mr Cranswick, a former policeman who retired at the age of 47, had raised thousands of pounds for the British Heart Foundation. Mr Cranswick's MP, Gerry Sutcliffe, the member for Bradford South, is taking up the case with Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

Michael Heseltine said the thincrease in emergency admis-



Staff at Bradford Royal Infirmary contacted ten hospitals to find an intensive care bed for Mr Cranswick

sions was "a matter of concern to the Government". Announcing a review of emergency care by Sir Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, the Deputy Prime Minister said all necessary steps would be taken to deal with the problem. "The whole House is deeply preoccupied

with the standards of the health service and to ensure that they are maintained."

Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, disclosed that he had written to all NHS trusts telling them to introduce measures to deal with the staff shortage in accident and emergency departments. These in-

clude allowing nurses to perform a wider range of tasks and incentives to encourage more junior doctors to train in casualty. The BMA said it had identified the problems in Scotland, Wales, Bristol, Southampton, Manchester, Leeds, Bradford, Liverpool, Sheffield, Birmingham, Nottingham and London. Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrats' health spokesman, said the Government was responsible for ensuring there were enough beds. "An NHS without a bed conveniently available at the time of most acute need is a contradiction and a

Dead bodies left on ward as cold adds to pressure

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE for beds in Scottish hospitals has led to cancellation of thousands of routine operations and left Glasgow hospitals so short of mortuary space that they have had to leave dead bodies on a

The shortage of beds was exacerbated by the recent cold spell, which saw temperatures in central Scotland disto-100

in central Scotland dip to -19C.
At Glasgow Royal Infirmary bodies were left on trolleys
in a ward because the mortuary was unable to cope. A
hospital spokesman said that
emergency admissions had
gone up from an average 15
a day to 56, and there had been
a peak of 70. So far this week
72 elective operations had

been cancelled.

The number of deaths in the hospital has risen from three a day to an average of five, and on one day there were 11. The holidays have meant that undertakers and crematoriums have been shut. The average time in Glasgow before burial has risen from

four days to eight days.
Glasgow Royal Infirmary would normally use the city mortuary or another hospital mortuary to store bodies temporarily but those were also full. At the city's Victoria Infirmary bodies were kept in corridors on trolleys within the mortuary area and at Stobhill Hospital they were kept on the floor of the

The British Medical Association in Scotland said it was aware of problems across the country, particularly in the Borders, Lothian, Strathclyde and Tayside where operations have been cancelled to cope with emergency admissions.

Lothian Health Board issued a red alert on January 3, which meant that all hospitals in the region were put on standby to expect a sharp increase in the number of referrals. That led to the cancellation of 334 planned operations across Lothian in

Ninewells Hospital in Dundee, the main teaching hospital attached to the university, has seen a 20 per centrise in emergency admissions in the past two years. Derek Maclean, the hospital's director of medical services, has appealed to GPs to find alternatives to admissions

wherever possible.

The hospital is also appealing for qualified nursing staff who are on holiday or not working to report for work. It needs about a hundred additional nurses to cope with the present workload.

This week 49 routine operations have had to be cancelled. From Monday a short-stay surgical ward will be turned into a medical ward, which will mean the cancellation of

a further 45 operations.

Dr Maclean said the costeffectiveness drive was partly
to blame. "In the past there
was a lot more slack in the
system and we could cope
with peaks when they came
along." He said staff were
extremely concerned about
the level of service they would
be able to give in future.

Healthcare spending per head in Scotland is 23 per cent higher than in England, the Scotlish Office said yesterday. In the current year the Government will spend £820 for every man, woman and child in Scotland, compared with £667 in England.

The reduction in hospital beds is continuing. In Scotland 5,000 acute medical beds have been earmarked for closure by 2000.

# Hospital juggles trolleys and chairs

By Jeremy Laurance

THREE temporary beds had to be set up in operating theatres and seven in the accident and emergency department to accommodate a rush of patients at Queen Mary's Hospital. Roe-

hampton, last Tuesday.
Dr John Thurston, consultant in charge of the A&E department, said he had had to take two patients off trolleys and sit them in chairs to make way for others who

were more ill.

"It was a nightmare night.
The last two weeks have been
the busiest in the 17 years I
have been here," Dr Thurston

"At one point I came across a man standing in the middle of the department ashenfaced. I asked him if he was all right and he said he had a crushing pain across his chest. I realised immediately he was having a heart attack but we had no more trolleys. so I had to move an old lady off one and sit her in a chair."

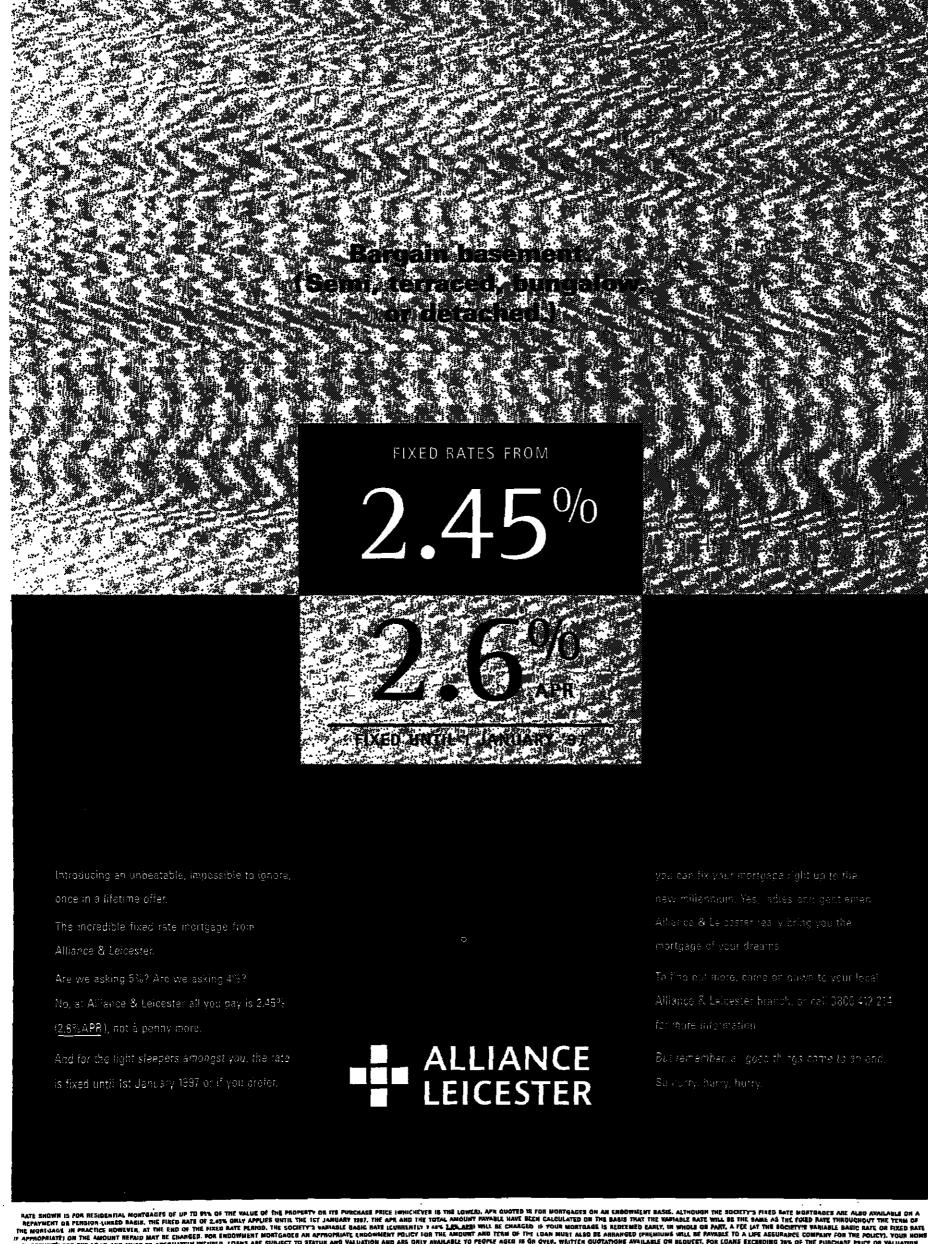
St Helier Hospital, in nearby Carshalton, ran out of casualty trolleys two weeks ago and ambulances had to wait while doctors treated patients on their stretchers in the corridors. Karen Jones, the nurse in charge of the A&E department, said: "We have never refused to see anyone but we regularly have patients waiting on ambulance trolleys and we bring beds down for patients in the department overnight."

Queen Mary's. St Helier and four other hospitals in the south London area asked to close their A&E departments recently because of the pressure but London Ambulance Service refused to allow them, saying it would have to take americancy patients.

to take emergency patients.

The medical directors of the six hospitals have written to William Wells, chairman of South Thames Regional Health Authority, demanding action to relieve the pressure. One had a 22 per cent rise in accident and emergency admissions during the past year, the others about 14 per cent.

Dr Thurston, who is registrar of the Faculty of A&E Medicine, said: "All A&E departments are experiencing the same problem. We don't know why there has been this sudden rise in emergencies. There is no flu epidemic and it is not the cold weather. No one can explain it."



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# Money drags back Sex Pistols, spitting and screaming

Frank Sinatra can do it, the Beatles do it, even ageing punks the Sex Pistols do it. Dominic Kennedy reports on an unlikely revival of the 1970s good old days

THE Sex Pistols, the spitting standard-bearers of punk who incited a generation to rebel against their elders and to reject ageing pop stars, are

threatening to regroup just as they are turning 40.

The 1970s band, vilified for describing the monarchy as a fascist regime in their single God Save The Queen, hope to begin a world tour in America in the spring, followed by dates in the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia.

Last night, the rock world was divided between former fans who said the Sinatrastyle comeback was a denial of everything the movement once stood for, and those who said it merely renewed their old cynical sense of fun.

Some 17 years after the band's demise, its members are being lured by the prospect of riches from a new generation of fans reared on American neo-punk bands such as Green Day and the guitar-dominated sound of Britpop. Bass guitarist Sid

Pistols have invited back their original bassist, Glen Mat-lock, who turns 40 in August. Steve Jones, 40 last year, is Paul Cook, 40 in July, and singer Johnny Rotten, now using his real name John Lydon. He is 40 on January 31. All have been working musicians for many years.
Lydon told the New Musical Express that his plans for 1996 are disturbing shocking dis-rupting and definitely

Parsons said yesterday that reform, but he could not resist a little nostalgia. Now a respectable commentator on the arts, he last saw the Pistols on Jubilee Day in 1977 at their infamous riverbeat concert on the Thames.

"The boat was pulled to one side and the event was very violently smashed up by the river police," he said. "That

lishment to kick over." Vivienne Westwood, the tai-The idea of Johnny Rotten lor of punk, has become an acclaimed fashion designer. as this kind of ridiculous Mark Palmers, her personal

middle-aged rebellion.

anger of his youth is quite assistant, said: "She is not depressing. They should sack Rotten and get Victor Meldrew as the true voice of interested in youth culture. She considers that exercise in punk to have been a rebellion against the Establishment

The Sex Pistols wanted to get rid of everything. That was justified because in those and she grew out of that."

Edward Tudor-Pole, 38, who as Eddy Tenpole briefly replaced Rotten as lead singer days there was a rock estabof the Pistols until Vicious died and the band folded, was more enthusiastic. He has an adult career as an actor and presenter of The Crystal

Maze on Channel 4 but still takes his old punk band, Tenpole Tudor, on the road

"It's awful that people like The Tremeloes are still on the cabaret circuit but it's inmossible to give up real rock 'n' roll, you just can't," he said. Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck Berry were touring last year."

Tudor-Pole, who babysitting his year-old son Henry at home, said: "The

Seventies icons: from left, a young Steve Jones. Glen Matlock, Johnny Rotten, Paul Cook and, right, Sid Vicious Sex Pistols can't lose. If they do it cynically, that's very Sex

Pistolian. If they do it for fun.

Muff Fitzgerald, a spokesman for Virgin Records, who handle the band's records, said: "Their sales have remained constant. When people changed to compact replace their beer-covered, scratched old copies of Never

#### THE PUNK BANDS, THEN AND NOW

Many punks would rather forget their wayward youth, but a

The Strangiers were known as the hard men of punk, even fighting with their own audience. Formed in 1976, their lineup is remarkably settled, although Hugh Cornwell, there original lead singer, left in the early Nineties. The band still

Poly Styrene and her band X-Ray Spex had a top 20 hit in 1978 with Germ Free Adolescence, but their best-known song was the punk anthem Oh Bondage, Up Yours. She is now a practising member of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness and has changed her name to Maharani

Jordan was the archetypal punk muse. She changed her name from Pamela Brooke and worked for Malcolm McLaren and Vivienne Westwood in Sex, the punk clothes shop in King's Road. She also appeared in Derek Jarman's film Jubilee. When her marriage ended she became a

shepherd on her sister's farm in Yorkshire. She is now a veterinary nurse in Seaford and breeds Burmese cats. The Ramones, formed in 1974, were called America's first punk band, and will be playing their "last ever show" at the Brixton Academy on February 3, although their record

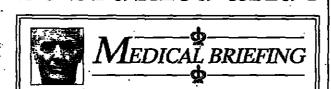
company says they have no plans to split up.

Toyah Willcox's first acting role was as Mad in the punk film Jubilee in 1977. Her most recent was Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream. This month she began presenting The Good Sex Guide, Late, having had a couple of pop hits. She lives in Wiltshire.

Sioussie Sioux and The Banshees made their debut at a punk festival at the 100 Club, London, in 1976. She released an album last year and has lived near Toulouse in France for several years, with her cats and Budgie, her husband and drummer in the band.

The Cure have changed line-up seven times. A new album due in May features brass, violinists and Mexicans. Their spokesman Doug Wright said: They do not consider themselves to be punk at all now."

# Dead bodies When a sensitive on wardase scalp must not add press be brushed aside



retired general, is an ebullient man of traditional Cornish stock who has been brought up to think that to complain of physical pain is a sign of weakness, but even he had to admit that the agony of temporal arteritis was more than he could bear.

Since Sir Richard retired from the Army he has been working in Bedfordshire. One Friday evening several months ago he and his wife set off to return to their house in Cornwall. When he started the journey he was jovial. As the Trants headed west down the motorway the general noticed that an oncoming car lights right eye which, as he says. soon made the pain from the worst hangover he has ever experienced seem as nothing.

The pain waxed and waned but it was so apparent that its exacerbations were induced by the car lights that he had to hand over the driving to his wife so he could lie back in the passenger seat with his eves shut. Before he reached Cornwall he was aware of another unusual symptom: not only did he have severe pain behind the right eye but the right side of his head and scalp had become very tender.

When he reached his house the scalp was so sensitive that brushing, and to an even greater extent, combing, his hair had become impossible. Thinking that he had an unusual form of flu he took to his bed. Fortunately, as he was

weekend, he sent for the family doctor who diagnosed temporal arteritis, also known as giant cell, or cranial, arteritis. Sir Richard was sent into hospital, a biopsy was taken of one of the cranial arteries in an attempt to confirm the diagnosis, but he was treated immediately with

massive doses of steroids. Within two or three weeks he was back at work. The pain had gone and he was feeling as well as ever but he was asked to continue to take smaller doses of steroids. Before the advent of these drugs Sir Richard would have had months of pain, progressive chance in five of going blind.

Temporal arteritis is not as uncommon as might be supposed and affects one person in a thousand over the age of 50. It attacks women slightly more often than men. Temporal arteritis is caused by an inflammation of the wall of the arteries, usually those leading to the scalp but occasionally the coronary or other arteries may be affected. The classic symptoms are headaches, scalp and temporal tenderness and very often disturbances in vision. Îmmediate diagnosis is imperative for, if the eyesight is involved, early administration of steroids can be the only way of saving a patient from blindness.

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## Chickenfeed adds Haspital jugi to poultry prices

PRICES for pork, chicken and eggs are among those likely to rise soon because of increases in the international prices for animal feeds such as soya bean meal, rapeseed and fishmeal. Feed prices, up to £100 a tonne higher since August, are expected to contin-

ue to increase.
Jim Reed, director-general of the UK Agricultural Trade Supply Association, says the increased cost of feedstuffs will work through to affect beef, lamb and dairy products. Advertised supermarket

promotions include Asda: extra large 2.04kg chickens, E3.49 each, fresh pork spare rib E2.39 a kg. fresh lamb shoulder £3.05 a kg. Budgens: Ross Tendergrill frozen grillsteaks £1.59 for six, coleslaw in reduced calorie dressing 33p for 250g, closed cup mushrooms 99p a lb. Co-op: stewing steak £3.69 a kg. pre-packed onions 39p for

for 625g. Harrods: half wheel of stilton. £14.95, camembert cheeses £3.08 each, whole Scottish kippers £7.25 for 7lb box. Iceland: breaded haddock steaks £2.49 for six, steak and

625g. pre-packed carrots 39p

kidney £1.29 for 454g, Mat-thews turkey steaks £1.99 for

Marks & Spencer: fresh Cale-donian salmon fillets £3.99 for 283g, frozen at sea cod in crumb £2.99 for 600g, reduced fat lite chicken, totnato and basil £2.99 for 350g.

Morrison's chicken korma, pasanda or biryani £1.79 for 340g, mini onion bhajis 89p for 15, thin pork sausages £1.55

kg, half leg of lamb (knuckle/ filler) £5.89 a kg, salmon en croute £1.99 for 400g. Sainsbury's frozen New Zea-land whole lamb leg £2.18 a kg, unsmoked rindless back bacon 99p for 175g, frozen chicken (1.8-2kg) £1.85 each.

Somerfield: smoked haddock fillet £3.72 a kg. British pork loin chops £3.30 a kg. Class A fresh chicken drumsticks £1.99 for eight. Tesco: sirloin steak £9.68 a kg. salmon steaks £2.95 a lb, white seedless grapes £1.49 a lb. e: British boneless leg

pork £3.59 a kg. premium pork sausages £1.29 for eight.

eberries £1.99 for 200g. BY ROBIN YOUNG

### Minister will ignore advice of bird groups and spare rampant invader from guns

# Gummer to cancel duck cull over fear of public outrage

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to cull vast numbers of Britain's most notorious duck are to be abandoned because ministers fear the sight of dead birds will infuriate animal lovers.

Under the scheme, backed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Spanish ornithologists, hundreds of ruddy ducks would have been shot this spring across the Midlands and Wales.

Ruddy ducks, a North American species that escaped into the countryside in the 1950s, have been flying to Andalusia in Spain and mating with the rare and prized brids are viewed by the Spanish as alien interlopers and the

By Adrian Lee

THE security operation to protect contractors on the Newbury bypass was condemned as a shambles

yesterday after a third day's work

Keith Lock, Liberal Democrat

leader of Newbury District Council.

demanded extra guards and a more

active police role after it emerged



Gummer: fears protests

ruddy duck is shot on sight. Wildlife groups and the Span-ish Government have demanded safeguards for the white-headed duck, learing it could become extinct. Campaigners. including

their tented village.

that up to 200 security guards had been sent home because rain soaked

About 100 activists forced work-

men to retreat yesterday morning

after an hour's work felling a

handful of trees near Snelsmore

Common, at the northern end of the

proposed dual carriageway, even though they were outnumbered by

150 guards who formed a ring

Trust, thought they had se-cured the backing of all members of the ruddy duck working group, set up in the early 1990s by the Department sure from Madrid. But, with just two weeks to go before details of the the big shoot were to be finalised, ministers at the department have been told to scrap it.

English Nature, the Gov-ernment's wildlife advisory body, has told John Gummer. the Environment Secretary. that the action is not important enough to justify the time and funds, in spite of fears of a wrangle with Madrid. The advice has been seized on by Mr Gummer, who is also concerned about public reaction to a mass slaughter. Barbara Young, chief execu-

round a digger. The defences were not breached but the circle was

considered too small to allow the

digger to work safely and, at 9.30am, work was abandoned for

Reliance Security admitted that it

had sent many of its guards home

because of problems with their

tented accommodation, at a disused

farm 14 miles from Newbury.

the day amid loud cheers.



The ruddy duck, left, which has begun mating freely with the rare and prized white-headed duck in Spain

dence, opponents claim, that

the ducks in Spain are actually

from Britain, English Nature has advised that landowners

do not want culls on their

land. Long term, there are

concerns about who will pay

However, the RSPB said

vesterday that the appearance

of hybrids in Spain could be

directly linked to the growth in

British ruddy ducks to about

600 pairs. Small-scale shoots of ruddy ducks have been

for an annual cull.

The Highways Agency said ten acres had been cleared so far and it

was working on a strategy with

contractors to outwit campaigners.

A spokesman said: "We would like

to be forging ahead but the clear-

ance work, including some done

before Christmas, amounts to 5 per

cent of the total." The agency said if

work was delayed it would consult

English Nature on how it could

tive of the RSPB, said yesterpriority to ensure the survival of the white-headed duck. which is a globally threatened

Sources within English Nature say the organisation "wants to wash its hands of the whole business". It takes the view that the ruddy duck wrangle has got out of hand and that Britain has far more pressing conservation problems. There is no direct evi-

Bypass work halted on day three as guards are washed out

effectiveness of a nationwide

programme.

Ms Young, who has written to English Nature urging confirmation that the cull will go ahead, said: "We are in no doubt about the importance of the regional control trial. The Spanish have shown remarkable commitment to sorting out the problem in their own country. We have got to respond." Phil Grice, for English Na-

projects aimed at transforming housing estates and school

playgrounds by introducing frog ponds and wildlife gar-dens and creating small for-ests were scrapped yesterday

English Nature, the Gov-

ernment's wildlife adviser, announced it was ending its Community Action for Wild-

life and Schools Grant Scheme

to help to meet cuts of more than £1.2 million ordered by

the Environment Department.

(Nick Nuttall writes).

proceed during the nesting season. Mr Lock said: "The last two days

they have tried to make a start but

have not achieved very much. They

have got to change tactics and get more security staff and more police

involved. They have got to solve this,

otherwise it could go on for weeks."

He feared there was now a danger

that preparation work on the

The RSPB spokesman said he understood Mr Gummer's concern, especially with a general election looming. But he added that the charity had members who would normal-

sions at the forthcoming meet-

ing of the ruddy duck working group, said he could not

ly be alarmed at birds being culled and that the RSPB had spent a lot of effort explaining its position.

ish in the 14 weeks before the nest-

ing season will stop contractors on many parts of the 9½-mile route.

bles," he said. "The police may have

to take a stronger line. I think more

resources are needed to create a

bigger screen around the workmen." The policing is shared by the Thames Valley and Hampshire

> bitter blow. "The grants have transformed inner-city areas

> and acted as pump priming

to secure funds from business

But Eddie Idle, director at

English Nature, said that both

projects had been nearing the

end of their lives and other

organisations and companies

ere running similar projects.

The Environment Depart-

ment said that it was being

asked to make cuts of up to 8

per cent but English Nature's

and industry.

Community wildlife

projects scrapped

"The whole operation is a sham-

Frogwatch, a scheme to study why the frog population is declining, was launched by David Bellamy. Children will monitor the progress of spawn, tadpoles and young frogs for the National Am-phibian Survey in Cardiff.

#### Accidents rise

volved in road accidents rose 4 per cent last summer to 13,090. The Transport Department said the rise could have been caused by the hot weather encouraging children to go out to play.

#### Bank sues actor

The actor Ricky Tomlinson, 56, Detective Chief Inspector Wise in the Granada Television series Cracker, is being sued by Midland Bank over an alleged £40,000 debt,

Sir John Pope-Hennessy, for-mer director of the British Museum and of the Victoria & Albert Museum, was sold for £1.03 million at Christie's. New York. The artworks came from his Florence home.

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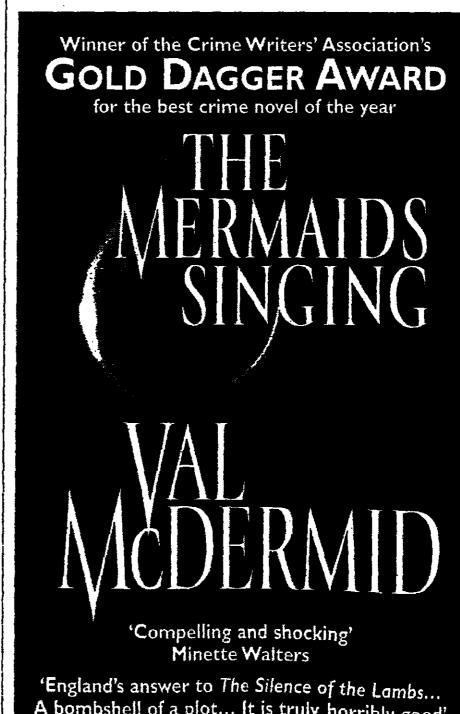
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GP calls on wife back from dead

pronounced a woman dead has been to visit her in hospital. Dr David Roberts called on Daphne Banks, 61. as she recovered in Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Hun-tingdon, Cambridgeshire. Yesterday he was back at work at his surgery in nearby Great Stanghton.

Dr Roberts has publicly apologised for the mistake be made when called to Mrs Banks's home at Stonely, Cambridgeshire. She had taken an overdose. An undertaker noticed movement in a vein, and she is now making good progress.

#### Green team

£1m for artworks The art collection of the late

The BBC's film of Jane Austen's Persuasion, star-ring Amanda Root and Ciaran Hinds, took more than £2.5 million at the box office in the United States last

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## 'Lurch to the right' claims dismissed as baloney put around by party malcontents

## Thatcher pours scorn on federalist creed of 'No Nation' Tories

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Keith Joseph Memorial Lec-ture delivered by Baroness Thatcher yesterday:

eith Joseph, in whose honour this Lecture is delivered, had the charm of a hundred paradoxes. He was a modest man; but, unlike so many modest men, he had really nothing to be modest about. He was - that overworked, but in this case appropriate word - "brilliant", yet he never inclulged in intellectual virtuosity. He was brave, yet by nature he was timid. He could seem cerebral and remote; but he had a warm heart and impish humour that made his friendship an inexpressible delight.

Keith Joseph's name will always be closely associated with the rethinking of Conser-vative principles and policies in preparation for the Conservative Government of the 1980s. What marks out our Conservative vision is the insight that the State - government - only underpins the conditions for a prosperous and fulfilling life. It does not generate them. Moreover, the very existence of this State. with its huge capacity for evil, is a potential threat to all the moral cultural,

social and economic benefits of freedom. Keith and I were struggling to shift Britain back from the socialist State, we were also acting as conservatives, with a small 'c'. We were seeking

to re-establish an understanding of the fundamental truths which had made Western life. British life, and the life of the English-speaking peoples what they were. This was the foundation of our Conservative revolution. It remains the foundation for any successful Conservative programme of government.

The cause of limited government - in which the State is servant not master, custodian not collaborator, umpire not player -- is the one beneath whose standard Keith Joseph and I gathered all those years ago. It is time to take it out of mothbalis, brush off the odd collectivist cobweb that's hung on to it, and go forth to meet

Avoiding debate about the large issues of government and politics leads to directionless failure. Being prepared to state uncomfortable truths is the precondition for success. Splits and disagreements over important issues never did a party so much harm as the

absence of honest, principled

There is, however, one apparent lesson that we would be most unwise to draw. That is the suggestion, which one hears from time to time, that the only hope for the Conservative Party is a period in Opposition. The situation today in the Party is entirely different from that in 1974.

It is no secret that between John Major and me there have been differences . . . on occasion. But these have always been differences about how to achieve objectives, rather than what those objectives should be. What is required now is to ensure that those objectives are clearly explained, so that a re-elected Conservative Government can go further towards fulfilling them. The attractions of Opposition are greatly exaggerated by those

who have not experienced it. But, judging from the opin-ion polls, Opposition is where the electorate is at present inclined to send us. For a variety of reasons, which I shall describe shortly, I believe that this would be ill-judged on their part. The Conservative Party still has much to

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offer. And from Mr Blair's New - or not so new -Labour Party there is much to fear. But we must not ignore the present discontent.

Some of it is more or less inevitable. A constant struggle is required to ensure that longserving governments don't run out of steam. I always regarded it as necessary to combine my role as Prime Minister with that of Chief Stoker, so as to keep up the

It is also true that the political world is more complicated than in the Eighties. The sharp divide between the force of freedom represented by the Conservative Party and the West on the one hand, and the forces of collectivism represented by the Labour Party and the Soviet bloc on the other, is a thing of the past. The extent of the success we achieved in the 1980s has, in this sense, caught up with us. The fashionable expression

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that means that their system was always unviable, so be it - though many of the people who now say this scarcely seemed to believe it true before the "implosion" occurred. But, anyway, let's not forget that the system collapsed because it was squeezed by the pressure that we on the Right of politics

applied. The Left should not be allowed to get away with pretending otherwise. The Conservative Party today has problems not because our analysis has been wrong or our principles faulty. Our difficulties are due to the fact that, in certain limited but important respects, our policies and performance have not

That is why the current idea. put around by some malcontents, that the Conservative Party is in trouble because it has moved to the Right, and that this is what needs to be remedied, is boloney -- and Denis might be able to suggest a still more telling description. The test is simple. Just ask vourself: is it because the Government has not spent.

lived up to our analysis and

borrowed and taxed enough that people are discontented? Or is it that we have gone too far towards increasing government spending, borrowing and taxation? The answer is obvious. We are unpopular, above all. because the middle classes - and all those who aspire to join the middle classes - feel that they no

longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from Conservative Government. I am not sure what is meant by those who say that the Party should return to some-

thing called "One Nation Conservatism". As far as I can tell by their views on European federalism, such people's creed would be better described as "No Nation Conservatism". And certainly any-one who believes that salvation is to be found further away from the basic Conserva-

tive principles which prevailed in the 1980s - small government, a property-owning detion and national sovereignty is profoundly mistaken. That mistake in most cases

has its origins in the acceptance of the picture of the 1980s which has been painted by the critics. That decade changed the direction of Britain to such an extent that it is unlikely that even a Labour Government

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inflation down, without the use of the prices and incomes controls which the great and the good all agreed were indispensable. Public spending as a share of GDP fell, which allowed tax rates to be cut - and government borrowing was reduced. We repaid debt. Three hundred and sixty-four economists who claimed that it was madness to think you could get economic growth by cutting government borrowing were proved wrong: I'm told they were never the same again. Reform of the public fi-

nances was matched by reform of the trade unions, deregulation and privatisation industries and a great extension of ownership of houses, shares and savings - quite a lot of "stakeholding" in

Moreover, though we made mistakes of financial management by allowing the economy to overheat and inflation to rise towards the end of that period, the general advance of prosperity was solidly based unon real economic improvements. Above all, there was a rapid and sustained rise in industrial productivity.

which has continued. The message from all this is not that everything in the 1980s was perfect or that everything that has followed it in the 1990s has been bad. Every Prime Minister has his and her - regrets. The important message, rath-

er, is that in Britain we have seen from the 1980s what works - just as we saw in the 1970s what did not. And what works here, as elsewhere, is free enterprise and not big government.

So it would make no eco nomic sense at all for us to move closer to the policies of our opponents. Rather, the economic challenge is to cut back the burden of state spending, borrowing and tax-ation still further.

And trying to move towards the centre ground makes no political sense either. As Keith used to remind us, it is not the centre ground but the cominstincts and traditions of the British people - on which we should pitch our tents. That ground is solid - whereas the centre ground is as slippery as the spin doctors who have colonised it.

The limitation of government is still the great issue of British politics. There is a constant tendency, in which pressure groups, vested interests and the media play a part. for government to expand. One of Thatcher's laws - for which I owe something to Lord Acton — is that all government tends to expand, and socialist government expands absolutely. If you start with their view of the State - that it exists to right social wrongs rather than to create a framework for freedom - you can never find the definitive justification for saying "no". Above all, you

cannot say "no" to demands for more spending on welfare. It was with the best intent that postwar governments spent more on welfare, believing that as the standard of living rose, people would do more to look after themselves. What we had to do, as Keith often said in earlier years, was to break the "cycle of deprivation". But the more we spent, the greater the dependency, illegitimacy and crime be-came. And of course the tax

burden rose. Western countries have now woken up to the problem. But they are still paralysed by it. Here, though, Peter Lilley has been advancing steadily with social security reform, making important changes to reduce future burdens. Yet, as Peter himself often reminds us, social security still accounts for over 40 per cent of central government spending and costs every working person £15 every working day.

Alleviating the burden of the social security budget is a thankless but vital task, for which real Tory stamina is required. It will not be done by financial sleight of hand. Limited government doesn't mean weak government, only

funeral of Francois Millerrand. on Rating (Caravans and Bor remaining stages)



being made for common European defence - proposals which Michael Portillo has shown by the courageous and far reaching reforms which Michael Howard has been making in the criminal justice system. The strength of the opposition he faces from the vested interests shows he is right — almost as much as do the encouraging recent crime

But today the main challenge to limited government comes not from within these

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shores at all, but rather beyond them - from the European Union. There is, of course, also a challenge to selfgovernment, and the two are

dosely connected. The activity of the European Court, which can only ultimately be checked by amending the European Communities Act itself, is increasingly undermining our judicial system and the sovereignty of our Parliament. Proposals are

roundly and rightly attacked. They too are a threat to national independence. But most important, of course, is the proposed single European currency which, as John Redwood has argued, "would be a major step on the way to a single European nation".
But vital as the issue of selfgovernment is, it is limited

government that concerns me today. For the European Union not only wishes to take away our powers; it wishes to increase its own. It wants to regulate our industries and labour markets, pontificate over our tastes, in short to determine our lives. The Maastricht treaty shows the outlines

of the bureaucratic superstate which is envisaged. And Maastricht is the beginning, not the end of that Self-government, limited

overnment, our laws, our Parliament, our freedom. These things were not easily won. And if we Conservatives explain that they are now in peril, they will not be lightly surrendered.

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## Major left in no doubt about his 'wrong direction'

argaret Thatcher last night opened the post-mortem on the Conservative election de-feat of 1996-97. Appropriately, her lecture was in memory of Keith Joseph, her intellectual mentor, the man who "discov-ered" his true conservatism after the party was defeated in February 1974. Lady Thatcher consciously echoed the themes of his Upminster and Preston speeches of June and September 1974 which were about how a Conservative Govern-

All the reassuring public bromides of her staff and Central Office about a broad church and her support for the Prime Minister are nonsense. She clearly believes that the Major Government is going in the wrong direction, and is headed towards opposition. Her remarks about the Prime Minister were perfunctory, while she praised the standard bearers of the Right by name - Peter Lilley, Michael Howard. Michael Portillo and John Redwood.

ment had taken the wrong

path towards collectivism.

Her analysis was that the party is in trouble not because it has moved to the right, but because it has not been Thatcherite enough. "We are unpopular, above all, because the middle classes - and all those who aspire to join the middle classes - feel that they no longer have the incentives and opportunities they expect from a Conservative Govern-Consequently, would make no economic sense at all for us to move closer to the policies of our opponents. Rather, the economic challenge is to cut back the burden of state spending, borrowing and taxation still further. And trying to move towards the centre ground

She wants a revolutionary programme for cutting down the size of the state. The commitment by Kenneth Clarke to bring down public spending below 40 per cent of national income is welcomed merely as a starting point with a plea for a manifesto commitment to bring it down "over a

makes no political sense

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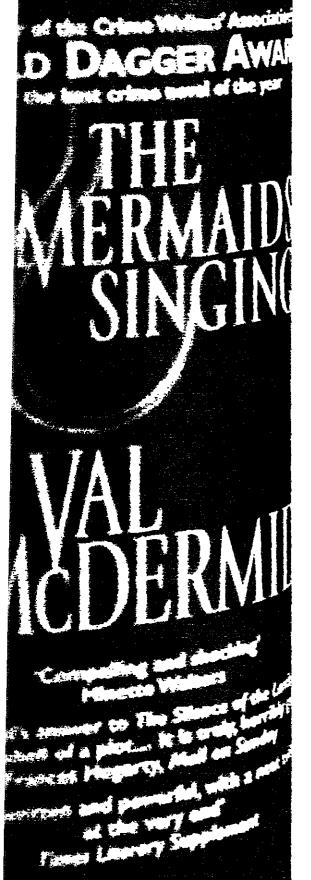
period of years by much proach to spending, requiring large scale removal or transferral of government functions, must also remain on the agenda".

Her language, as much as her specific proposals, amount to a declaration of war on the Tory Left, as in the passage: am not sure what is meant b those who say the party should return to something called 'One Nation Conservatism' As far as I can tell by their views on European federal ism, such people's creed would be better described as No Nation Conservatism'," She explicitly wants a renegotiation of the European Communities Act of 1972 over the powers of the European Court and her other proposals would isolate Britain from the rest of the European Union.

But her own record was not quite as Thatcherite as she remember. She compromised both on public spending and on Europe. Her administra tions found it as hard as the Major Government has to contain public spending, and to reduce its share well below 40 per cent, while she signed the Single European Act. which extended qualified ma-

owever much she is dismissed by many
Tory MPs as a voice from the past, her lecture was being acclaimed last night on the Right for reflecting the views of many disillusioned local activists and former Tory supporters: away with the cautious Fabianism of the Major years and hurrah for the true blue standard. She also offered a myth of betrayal by those in office every bit as politically explosive as that offered by Tony Benn after Labour lost in 1979. The difference is that the infighting has started before, rather than after, the party has lost office.

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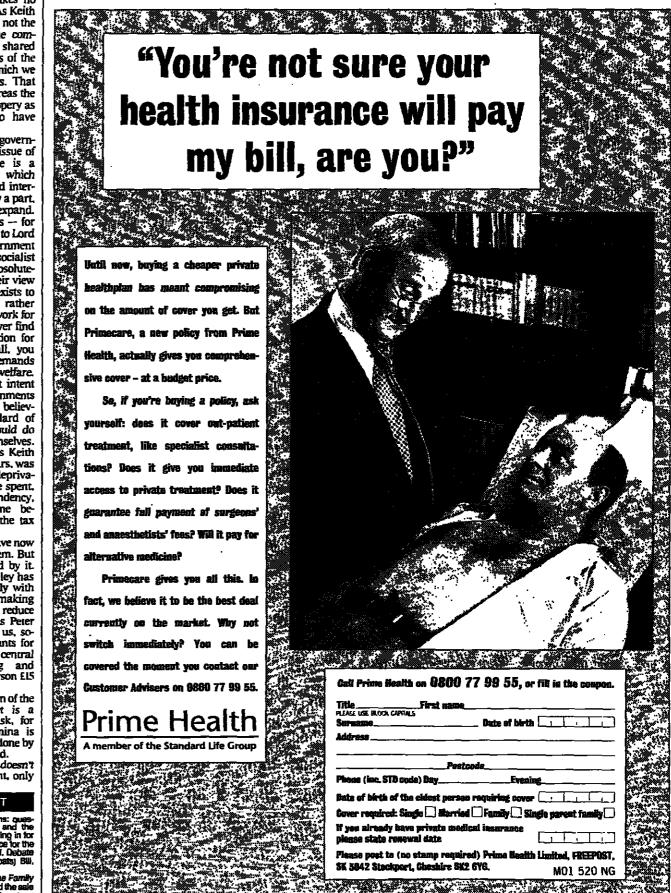


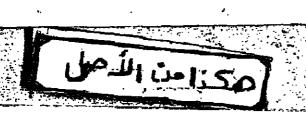
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## Ceremonies reflect man who gloried in grandeur but was proud of rural roots

## Family and France say separate farewells to Mitterrand

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANÇOIS MITTERRAND mate daughter, Mazarine, 21, was laid to rest at his birthwhose existence was not publicly acknowledged until 1994. place in the small French town of Jamac after a simple family appeared alongside the former President's two sons duriuneral vesterday while a grand Requiem Mass attending the ceremonies, in accordance with her father's ed by sentes of dignitaries from across the globe took dying wishes. His long-time place in Notre-Dame in Paris. The simultaneous ceremo-Mazarine's mother, walked just a few paces behind his dignified widow. Danielle, as

nies - one small and intimate. the other vast and public reflected contrasting aspects of the former French President. who gloried in the pomp and grandeur of his office, while clinging proudly to his rural roots in southwest France.

M Mitterrand died on Monday at the age of 79 after a long battle with prostate cancer. just eight months after leaving

an ally and friend

Among those gathered to pay tribute were the Prince of The former President insist-Wales, John Major, President ed he did not want a state funeral and only his family Chirac of France. Al Gore, the and closest friends were in-American Vice-President, vited to attend the funeral President Yeltsin of Russia. service in Jarnac's St Pierre Shimon Peres, the Israeli Church, where M Mitterrand Prime Minister. King Juan Carlos of Spain. Sweden's was haptised and where his parents married.

King Carl XVI and President For the first time his illegiti-Mubarak of Egypt. Tears ran down the face of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, M Mitterrand's closest European ally and partner in building closer European union. as Maurice Durufle's Requiem echoed around the great 11th-century

> Prince Charles. President Castro of Cuba and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader. were also visibly moved by the ceremony, at which the American soprano Barbara Hendricks sang the Pie Jesu from Faure's Requiem.

> she led the funeral cortege

through the narrow streets of

More than 1,300 mourners.

including of heads of state.

packed into Notre-Dame for a

moving Requiem Mass in honour of the Socialist leader.

French television.

was broadcast live on

Jarnac towards the church.

In his eulogy. Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger recalled how M Mitterrand, a self-



Among the mourners were, Danielle, left, M Mitterrand's widow, Jean-Christophe, their son, Mazarine, his illegitimate daughter, Anne Pingeot, her mother, and Gilbert, another son

dered over the nature of death during his last years. Quoting M Mitterrand, Cardinal Lustiger noted in his sermon: "Death is what gives destiny its richness and meaning."

On the stroke of Ham, as both ceremonies were beginning. Métro trains in Paris were halted and schoolchildren across the country observed a minute's silence in homage to the former President. Flags flew at half-mast to mark a day of national mourning, but schools and offices remained open.

At dawn, the former President's body was taken from the Paris apartment where he

base. His children and his black labrador. Baltik, accompanied the French leader on this final journey, as he had

requested The coffin was then transported by hearse, flanked by dozens of motorcycle outriders, through the fields of M Minerrand's youth to nearby Jarnac, In the town square, beneath funereal skies and a light rain, the former head of the French armed forces was accorded full military honours for the last time. As a military band played the tricolour draped over his oak coffin was caught by the wind and fluttered to the ground, to be proclaimed agnostic, had pon- died and flown to Cognac air retrieved and replaced by his

widow and his elder son, before the procession moved off slowly across the town.

Film cameras and other media were not permitted inside the church, but loudspeakers relayed the Mass to the thousands lining the street outside. The 200 people attending the Jarnac service included M Mitterrand's six surviving siblings, his closest political ailies and a handful of other personal friends, including the actor Gerard Depardieu and the writer Françoise Sagan.

After the service the cortege paused briefly in front of the

roses, where M Mitterrand was born on October 26, 1916. Mourners then proceeded to Jarnac cemetery where France's longest-serving President was buried in the Mitter-

rand family tomb. Friends and colleagues departed, leaving immediate family members to pay their last respects. Jarnac has a population of 2,000, but some fen times that number converged on the town yesterday. Later in the afternoon, the cemetery was opened to the waiting public.

M Mitterrand, as meticulous in death as in life, left stone house, its door marked behind detailed plans for all "I'm in perfect health," the parisians celebrated his election a single bouquet of red funeral arrangements: no Russian President told reportion more than 14 years ago.

speeches, no journalists at the cemetery and only two bouquets, one of roses and another of irises, to be placed on his coffin. His instructions were followed to the letter. The world leaders, crowned heads,

leagues and friends of the late President appeared grave and subdued as they filed out of Notre-Dame to the strains of Bach's St John's Passion, with the exception of Mr Yeltsin who, with characteristic ebullience, raised his arms in a double clenched-fist salute to the waiting, and somewhat

surprised, crowd.

ers on his first foreign trip since suffering a heart attack in October. After the service, Mr Major

said: "President Mitterrand was a very big figure in European history. It will be recognised in due course, but I think his contemporaries understand that."

On the eve of yesterday's funeral, some 30,000 of M Mitterrand's supporters massed at Place de la Bastille square in Paris to mourn the Socialist leader Many brought single red roses and others carried lighted candles as they stood in silence where

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## Romantic who shared city dwellers' love for the countryside of youth

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE decision by François Mitterrand to eschew a state funeral in favour of burial in less an act of modesty - a quality with which the former President was not overburdened - than a reflection of the rural romanticism lying just beneath the surface of almost every urban Frenchman and woman.

M Mitterrand was no exception. His veneration for the bucolic land of his childhood deep in southwestern France was genuine, but it was also politically useful.

photographed and filmed, sitting beneath the trees at his country home in Les Landes. dog at his feet. He would be seated, more often than not, at a table groaning with country Some of the more enjoyable

lootage shows the President on retreat, striding up the nearby Solutre hill with his political aides and acolytes troning sweatily in his wake. "A part of every man remains in the country of his

If the grandeur of Notre-Dame reflected Mitterrand. the world statesman, then the simple church at Jarnac represented Mitterrand, the "paysan" - a representative of "La France Profonde", the real France

For all the haughty airs that earned him the nickname "Dieu". M Mitterrand also had the common touch, a talent amply testified to by those who converged on the Place de la Bastille on Wednesday night for the mass public rally in memory of the former President.

"He was remarkable man. but he was also one of us." said Marc Desalles, as he stood listening to the melancholy strains of Beethoven wafting across the Paris square as thousands stood in silent homage.

Hankering for a country past — however distant 🗕 goes a long way to explain not only M Mitterrand's appeal but also, by contrast, the unpopularity of the Government that succeeded him. President Chirac. Alain



Thousands of Parisians gathered outside Notre-Dame to pay their respects

Juppé, his Prime Minister and the rest of the Cabinet are widely (and in some cases unfairly) seen as metropolitan northerners, technocrats educated at elite schools who are out of touch with the earthy roots of France.

Covernment efforts to overhaul the rail network threatening the closure of the hundreds of tiny branch lines deepest corners, is cited as further proof that the new regime has little sympathy for the France that lies beyond

the suburbs. Here, too, the late M Mitterrand could strike a chord. He was, as he liked to remind his countrymen, the son of the stationmaster for the town of

There, in a tribute echoing

one of M Mitterrand's first acts as President in 1981. mourners gathered by his tomb, in pouring rain, red rose in hand, leaving the flowers piled high. After the former President was elected amid revolutionary fervour 15 years ago, he went to stand, clutching a red rose, before the tombs of France's great figures at the Pantheon in

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#### Sell-off at Sears may cost 1,700 jobs

By Sarah Bagnall

LIAM STRONG, chief executive at Sears, the retail group, yesterday unveiled a £65 million restructuring that could involve the loss of at least 1,700 jobs.

Sears announced it intends to sell — or close — its Saxone and Curtess high street shoe chains and dispose of Millets and its Dutch shoe business. If a buyer for the British shoe businesses fails to materialise the 1,100 Saxone stores and 124 Curtess outlets will be closed with the loss of the 1,700 fulltime equivalent jobs. Sears, the Selfridges de-

partment store to Freemans catalogue group, is in talks.with several potential buyers for the lossmaking businesses. Stephen Hinchliffe, who acquired Freeman Hardy Willis, True Form and Manfield from Sears in August, is said to be one of the interested parties.

The withdrawal from the two shoe formats will create annual savings of £8 million. Further cost savings of up to £33 million will be made from Sears' decision to out-source its information technology and accounting systems to Andersen Consulting and to restructure its distribu-

Referring to the planned disposal of businesses, Mr Strong said: These mark an end to the clearing out." The news was greeted with dismay by City institutions who believe Sears should become more focused and sell off other parts of its also expressed concerns. Sears had flat like-for-

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like sales in the six weeks to January 6. Underlying sales at British Shoe fell 10.9 per cent, Selfridges lifted like-for-like sales 10.7 per cent and Freemans 6.9 per cent, clothing was flat.

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# Woolwich and Alliance plan market flotations

By Patricia Tehan and ROBERT MILLER

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER Building Society will an-nounce plans early next month for a £2.5 billion stock market listing, hard on the heels of yesterday's £3 billion flotation plans from its rival the Woolwich.

A&L, which owns Girobank, refused to comment on its plans to float yesterday, but said: "We have made no secret of the fact that we are considering a number of options, including the possibility of conversion to public company. The board has made no decision yet and the announcement by the Woolwich will in no way influence our timing in this matter."The society is expected to an-nounce plans to pay an aver-age £900 each to its three million qualifying savers and borrowers next month.

This means both A&L and Woolwich will be coming to the stock market during 1997. The Woolwich's three million qualifying savers and 550,000 qualifying borrowers

will receive an average of an estimated £1,000 in a free share distribution next year. By modelling its flotation plans on those of the Halifax, it hopes to avoid a court case, though it has yet to receive approval from the Building Societies Commission. Those who have held ac-

counts for less than two years will receive a flat payout of shares worth between £500 and £750, while those with accounts of two or more years of standing will receive an additional variable payment depending on the size of the

The society was forced to close its doors to new depositors on Wednesday night after rumours that it was about to announce flotation plans prompted 30,000 people to open accounts on Monday and Tuesday in the hope of receiving a bonus. That compares with an average of 1,000 new accounts a day.



Floating voters: Peter Robinson, left, Woolwich chief executive, with Sir Brian Jenkins, the chairman, yesterday

To qualify for the free shares, Woolwich investing members must have held at the cut-off date of December 31. Those who opened accounts this year will not benefit. Peter Robinson, the chief executive, said: "I have no concern about not enfran-

chising carpet-baggers." To assess the variable pay ments to members, the Woolwich will take amounts in an account on 31 December and

before flotation. The payment will be based on the lowest

Mr Robinson said that the society needed to convert because as a plc it would be able "to combat the gathering threat of increased competition". The society believed size was important "and will become increasingly so".

City observers believe the society might use the flotation to raise additional capital for

on another date to be fixed the acquisition of a mutual insurance company. Rob Thomas, building society anawich has taken a calculated risk by effectively putting itself up for sale before conversion."

Flotation will probably be in the autumn. After that the new bank would be safe from predators for at least five years as there would be a 15 per cent limit on share ownership.

Mr Robinson accepted that the period between announce

#### Bank tries to stop another **Barings**

THE Bank of England has sent to the Commons Treasury Select Committee a copy of its progress report on plugging gaps in the financial system that were revealed by the Barings collapse.
The committee, which is ex-

amining discrepancies in re-ports by the British and Singaporean authorities on the £860 million Barings collapse, approved publication of the progress report, released yesterday. Bank of England officials say that they have reviewed 15 of 17 recommendations made

by the Board of Banking Supervision report on Barings published last July. Two more recommendations are being considered by Arthur Andersen, the consultants called in by the Bank last October to review the quality its supervi-sion of the financial system. The Bank progress report

says that a framework has been established to measure the risks to which a banking group is exposed. Banks will be asked whether any operation in the group involves more than 5 per cent of capital or whether it makes or loses 5 per cent of profits or losses. In an echo of the Barings collapse, exposures of more than 10 per cent of a bank's capital to another part of the group will be examined.

Banks have also been asked to nominate a main board director to take responsibility for filing financial details to the Bank of England. They will be expected to meet the Bank at least once a year.

In future, consolidation of non-banking operations into the main bank for regulatory purposes, as happened with Barings Singapore and the require approval by the Bank of England Governor or the director of banking supervision.

ment and flotation "will stimu-

late interest in the Woolwich

from existing companies who

or wish to absorb us into their

business. We have no wish,

indeed no need, to transfer

control into the hands of a

third party. We are big in the

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On the vital question of international co-operation with other regulators, the Bank says there is no agreed international model on how regulators ... should relate" and that there "could be legal impediments".

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#### BP disposats BP is to sell two of its oil

refineries and shut down par of a third, leaving the oil gian with 11 around the world. The disposals highlight the problem of overcapacity in th oil industry. The two refineries up for sale are Lima in the United States and Lavera in France. Page 23

#### Trafalgar sale

Persimmon, the housebuilder is in talks with debt-laden Trafalgar House about buying its Ideal Homes subsidiary and expects to announce a deal by the end of this month. Beazer said it was "surprised and disappointed at this news because it had made an offer that had been ignored. Page 26

## Signet puts high street chains on the market

By SARAH BAGNALL

SIGNET GROUP, the former Ramers jewellery business, has put its Ernest Jones and H Samuel chains up for sale in a move that could realise up to £300 million and help to secure the group's financial

A number of companies are thought to be interested in buying the businesses, which hold the largest share of the British jewellery market and account for 40 per cent of group sales. The interested parties are said to include Gerald Ratner, whose name the company used to hear, Argos, the catalogue retailer with a strong presence in the jewellery market, Goldsmiths, the jewellers, and Next, the

fashion retailer. Mr Ratner is said to be trying to obtain backing to purchase H Samuel, the big-ger of the two chains. Goldsmiths has said it is interested in acquiring both businesses or just Ernest Jones, while

MERCURY Asset Management, the fund manager that played a key role in

ensuring the success of Granada's takeover of London Weekend Tele-

vision, disclosed yesterday that it had bought 12 million additional shares in

Forte. Independent analysts said that its buying spree suggests it is betting that Granada's £3.8 billion hostile

MAM bought the 12 million shares

at market prices over the past few days. It now owns 144 million Forte

shares, or 15.2 per cent of the company and is the single biggest Forte share-

offer for Forte will win.

Argos management indicated an interest last year. Next is said to be in the process of forming a consortium with a view to making an offer.

James McAdam, Signet's chairman, said: "There have been a lot of people sniffing around. There is considerable interest in the businesses. But we will only sell them if we can get the price we want." Pro-



McAdam: playing it cool

up 8½p, those shares are valued at about £530 million. It also bought a

further 1.1 million Granada shares, raising its stake to 14.5 per cent.

MAM would not say why it had

bought so many Forte shares. It is

understood that decisions to buy were made by individual fund managers

within the group looking for a "cheap

way of getting into Granada", assum-

Granada has offered four new

Granada shares and £23.25 in cash for

every 15 Forte shares. It has also

offered a special dividend of 47p.

which is worth about 59p with the tax

ing, of course, that Granada wins.

ceeds will be used to pay down the group's £350 million of debt. This would help profitability as interest payments would be reduced to realistic levels. The news was welcomed by rebel shareholders, who hold a mixture of preference and ordinary shares giv-

ing them 22.3 per cent voting power. A spokesman said: "We are very pleased. The selling of the UK business is what we suggested last year and it's finally happening." The sale would leave Signet with Sterling, the second biggest jewellery retailer in the US, which contributes 60 per cent of group sales. The development came as Signet revealed that pre-tax profits for the year to February 3 would

exceed forecasts. Analysts lift-

ed predictions from between

£15 million and £18 million to £20 million, compared to last

Mercury spree takes Forte stake to 15%

year's £8.1 million.

## **UK** manufacturing static in November

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

BRITISH manufacturing activity was stagnant in November, prompting the City to speculate on the outside chance of another base rate cut next week when the Chancellor meets the Governor of the Bank of England.

The Central Statistical Office said that it now estimates that manufacturing is grow-ing at a rate of only 0.5 per cent a year. Taking the average of the last three months, a good guide to the overall trend, manufacturing fell 0.1 per cent compared with the previous three months. This is the first time there has been a periods since August 1993.

Industrial production. which includes the output of the North Sea and energy production, rose 0.5 per cent as demand for gas and electricity bounced back after October's unusually warm

The lack of growth in manu-

not only weaker domestic demand but also the impact of very high stock levels, built up throughout last year, and a weakening in exports.

Ian Shepherdson, UK economist at HSBC Markets, said that the situation for manufacturing could get worse as companies run down their stocks and that it is difficult to see a decent recovery until the growth in America and Europe may be a bit stronger. He said that base rates will fall over the next few months. predicting the first cut next

The slowdown in Europe was highlighted yesterday by figures showing that German gross domestic product rose only 1.9 per cent in 1995, down from 2.9 per cent the year before. Economists argued that the 1995 figure could be revised sharply lower. It was particularly worrying that western German GDP infacturing in November reflects creased only 1.5 per cent.

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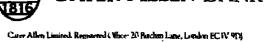
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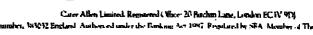
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million bid for LWT. MAM backed Granada's bid and it won. More than 40 million Forte shares,

of 664p, up 11p.
One analyst said: "If MAM thought the bid wasn't going to go through, I doubt they would be buying." Both Granada and Forte doubt they

ainst Granada's closing share price

that buying a Forte share at the

market price in effect would give them a Granada share for 580p to 600p

can win the battle unless they secure the allegiance of Carol Galley, MAM's joint vice chairman. In 1994, she held the key to Granada's hostile £724

were traded yesterday on top of the 48 million shares traded on Wednesday. In other developments, hotel experts

said plans by Forte or Granada to sell fuxury hotels could depress prices across the sector. Alex Kyriakidis, head of the hotel group at Arthur Andersen Consulting, said: "There is a problem of too much supply." He notes that the Langham Hilton in London has been on the market for about £100 million for about six months and that Britannia Inter-Continental is now up for auction.

# Patten challenges Peking to set up democratic council

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND JAMES PRINGLE IN PEXING

CHRIS PATTEN, Hong Kong's Covernor, yesterday challenged Peking not to establish a "counterfeit" Legislative Council here and vowed to continue to call for democracy and the rule of law.

Eartier, British officials in Peking had enthused about an improvement in Sino-British relations after three days of talks between Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Chinese ministers. It was difficult to see, however, what had been achieved.

Despite the high hopes raised by Mr Rifkind's first visit to China, and the gloss he put on his meetings with Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister, it was clear last night that little progress had been made on the two main points at issue: the retention of the Legislative Council after the transfer of sovereignty in June 1997, and a greater role

The point was reinforced yesterday when Mr Qian said that abolition of the Legisla-

tive Council in 1997 was not

negotiable. Mr Patten, meanwhile, speaking on Hong Kong's government radio station, questioned whether Peking intended to set up a fairly elected legislative body or "a cardboard cut-out, or a

The remark will outrage Peking, which describes Mr Patten's constitutional changes, including the elected council, as a violation of British-Chinese agreements on the political structure of the colony in the run-up to 1997. Peking says it will establish a "provisional council" on July 1, 1997, and hold elections for a substitute body at a later date. On the question of raising important issues. Mr Patten

said: "I will continue to speak up for the rule of law and freedom of speech." He said he intended, courteously, to continue to debate political matters with the Chinese, insisting that acquiescence would mean "breaking promises to the people of Hong Kong".

After what Mr Rikfind described as a "substantive" 70-minute meeting with President Jiang Zemin — 30 minutes longer than scheduled he told reporters: "I was pleased to hear him give repeated emphasis to the im-

and its determination to respect that autonomy." Asked about the Legislative Council, Mr Rifkind said: "That position has not changed ... I believe it would be of considerable damage to confidence in Hong Kong if the council was dismantled and we hope the Chinese Government will reflect on

portance China attached for

the autonomy of Hong Kong

that matter". ☐ Bush plea: The former US President George Bush has called for a new dialogue with China. Talking in Hong Kong after meeting Chinese leaders in Peking, he warned against American isolationism as China develops into a world power. (AFP)



#### Dissident warns of threat to Dominica

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Saudi dissident, Dr Muhammad al-Masari. facing deportation from Britain, gave a warning yesterday that his arrival in Dominica would endanger safety on the Carib-bean island.

Speaking shortly after handing in his appeal papers contesting the order by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, Dr Masari said he fully agreed with Rosi Douglas, the opposition leader in Dominica, that his presence on the island would be a threat to its safety. He said Dominica had only 300 police, who could not stop a mercenary force of 50 to 60 people who might be sent to

eliminate him.
"The country is simply too small," Dr Masari said. He had discussed the issue with Mr Douglas during his visit to Britain on Tuesday and noted that the opposition would move a vote of no-confidence in the island's Government.

Dr Masari, an Islamic activist, also denied a report in today's Jewish Chronicle that he had links with an Islamic group in Britain which had threatened Jewish students.

# of Cocoa Beach on the right. A crew of six will undertake a nine-day satellite retrieval and scientific mission Escort Cabaret. family

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engine. Although we've a choice of 14i or 18 Turbo diesel if you prefer.

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## Socialists take on Tokyo's poisoned finance chalice

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN announced a conservative-dominated Cabinet yesterday under Ryutaro Hashi-moto, the new Prime Minister, with key posts for the Liberal Democratic Party and finance going to the Socialists.

The post of Finance Minister has always been regarded as one of the most powerful positions. However, recent fi-nancial scandals and problems, including a government plan to use nearly 700 billion yen (£4 billion) in taxpayers' money to liquidate financially troubled housing loan firms. has taken the lustre off the

Mr Hashimoto is known to have offered the post to nu-merous senior LDP politicians, but they all turned it down. The Liberal Democrats have taken on the key posts of home affairs and defence.

The strategic block of parliamentary votes held by the Socialists ensured the party a strong representation in the previous coalition administration. The portfolios of finance and defence were regarded as too sensitive to be given to the

Wataru Kubo, the secretarygeneral of the Socialist Party, agreed to take the finance post. reportedly on the basis that he will also serve as Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr Hashimoto appointed Yukihiko Ikeda, a former Deience Minister and LDP colleague, as Foreign Minister. Mr Ikeda will have to face the difficult task of handling Japan's relations with the United States, amid growing opposition from the southern island of Okinawa to the presence of US military bases.

## Hashimoto victory seals tilt to Right

By Paul Carter

THE election of Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Liberal Democratic Party leader, as the Prime Minister of Japan consolidates the success of rightwing forces.

With the main opposition New Frontier Party led by Ichiro Ozawa, a former LDP strongman, the political situation is akin to having Michael Portillo and John Redwood in charge of the two main parties in Britain.

This renewed entrench-ment of the Right is extraordinary for, after the general election of July 1993, the 38year period of continuous LDP rule ended and power was assumed by an eight-party coalition intent on changing the direction of politics and breaking what had become one-party dominated

rule. What went wrong?
Part of the answer lies with
the split in the LDP which precipitated the 1993 election, prompted by the younger members' impatience with the septuagenarians who ran the party. It was Mr Ozawa who passionately argued the need for change and initiated what became known as the futsu no kuni or "normal country" debate. To Mr Ozawa, "normal country" equates with one which can defend itself independently.

The strong-arm tactics and backroom defection deals of Mr Ozawa eventually led to the formation of the 170member New Frontier Party which last year proved its ability as a credible fighting force when it won 54 of the 84 seats on offer in the Upper House elections. Since 1993 the Socialists have been bounced between coalitions like a political football, eventually forming an unusual alliance with the LDP under the temporary caretaker prime ministership of Tomiichi Murayama. During this time, to make their marriage to the LDP work and in the hope of engaging the electorate's trust, the Socialists recanted all of their key policies. After the resignation



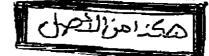
Hashimoto: wants seat on the Security Council

of Mr Murayama and the sidelining of the Socialists, the Right has again reasserted itself in government under Mr Hashimoto.

Moreover, now the leadership of the two main parties has skipped a generation, Japanese politics is faced with the relatively youthful Mr Hashimoto, aged 58, and Mr Ozawa, 53. The desire for change which led to the initial split of the LDP is still apparent, with both leaders being vocal in their support for Japan's claim of permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council, and both arguing for constitu-

With the Socialists sidelined a political scenario has arisen where two conservative parties vie for power. Mr Ozawa and the Right have clearly won the "normal country" debate. Whether this result was screndipitous or sheer Machiavellianism on the part of Mr Ozawa, the emergence of two main conservative parties and the expectation of high Socialist Party losses in the next election does raise fears about the legitimacy of a democracy whose opposition and governing party is represented by a conservative block with few if any balancing factors.

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☐ Woolwich sets out its stock market stall ☐ Signet signals a British sell-off ☐ Weighting bid prices with public money

☐ PETER ROBINSON has a nerve, complaining about the "carpet-baggers" who have pitched up at Woolwich as investors merely in the hope of sharing in the largesse from demutualisation.

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was hardly the best kept secret in the City. Instead the market has been massaged for months before yesterday's announcement by enticing titbits of information. No surprise, therefore, that arbitrageurs have decided to take positions at the Woolwich, as at any other building society where management have not explicitly set their faces against going public. That rather arbitrary December 31 deadline is

not going to weed out all of these.
But the Woolwich has handled
it all rather better than the
Alliance & Leicester, its main Alliance of lenester, its main rival in the race towards the stock market, which late last year found its systems overwhelmed by the volume of punters wanting to place a bet. Yesterday's news will also have greatly disconnected the A & I. greatly discomfitted the A&L despite that building society's air of nonchalance, because the two were always

# Mutual admiration society

perceived to be in a race that the Woolwich has now won. Investors in other building

societies presented with similar unexpected gift horses over the course of this year will not be too inclined to count their teeth. But the race to demutualisation will have its non-runners, and their motives should be respected. There is nothing wrong with

opting to remain a small building society with an established regional client base trading out of a limited number of premises. Such societies will never lack investors or borrowers, and mutual status provides some protection from an expansion-crazed financial services sector.

The British banking sector has for years served as the perfect testing ground for Hutber's First Law, that improvement equals deterioration. So those societies that decide to go public should also have their motives strongly scrutinised. The Woolwich strategy yesterday was dressed up

with a suspicious amount of corporate verbiage, but quota-tion will lead to enough useful avenues to explore that would be

closed to a mutual society.

Those building societies stranded in the middle, with no clear reason to stay mutual and no real expansion strategy, will simply be swallowed up. Shed a tear here for the Nationwide, reputation and loan book in tatters, which will either be taken out if a rich enough owner can be found or limp along for years as the favourite to finish last.

#### Wheel of

fortune

☐ FORGET crystal decanters, forget gold earrings with the life expectancy of a Marks & Spencer prawn sandwich. The day Geraid Ratner's runaway mouth sealed his fate was in 1987, when he said "yes" to the \$200 million purchase of Sterling.



Mr Ramer's karmic wheel might just be about to turn again, because he must be among the candidates to buy back the British arm of his former creation.

Such a reversal might appeal to sentimentalists, but it is not the most obvious outcome of the decidedly rum decision by Signet to put its two British chains. H Samuel and Ernest Jones, up for sale. Mr Ratner is not the frontrunner; a more likely purchaser is Jurek Piasecki at Goldsmiths Group, the man who has most successfully traded on Mr

Ratner's eclipse. Signet spent most of 1995 insisting the two chains were not about to be sold to Mr Piasecki, despite increas-ingly loud hints to the contrary from that quarter. The board's change of tack, the party line now goes, has nothing to do with the still unresolved row with Signet's rebel shareholders, a stroppy band of mercenaries well hardened by earlier cor-porate battles who have 20 per

If so, there is only one other credible reason for it. Christmas for Signet this year was a good one, in the US if not in Britain. But first-half trading last year was poor, and jewellery is such a volatile business that future trade could go both ways.

cent of the votes.

A sale would leave a reasonably well-financed US retailer with a London quote, a situation that would have to be amended in due course. It would also take much of the ammunition away from the rebels, by cutting debts of £350 million by the £250 million or so that the British chains are worth and so lessening any future pressure for financial restructuring.

#### A special fate for special dividends

☐ GRANADA is not to be blamed for deploying the weapon of a special dividend, because such payments already have an established if dishonourable history.

Last year, regional electricity companies were found to have so much cash that such dividends

much cash that such dividends helped to fund their own demise by providing a built-in boost to predators' offers. As the fad caught on, it was taken up in Lloyds Bank's merger with TSB. But there are two clear objections to them as part of bid terms.

They contravene the spirit, if not the letter, of the City Take-over Code. This demands that all

shareholders be offered equal terms. But such payments deliberately offer pension funds terms of higher value than those offered to most private investors. Gross funds can reclaim 20p in tax for every 80p they receive in net dividends, for instance making the Granada bid worth 3 per cent more. When will the Takeover Panel act?

They also require taxpayers to

They also require taxpayers to help to pay for takeover bids that are increasingly mistrusted by the general public. Most City financiers had assumed the special dividend loophole would be closed in November's Budget. But there is still time to amend

#### Trafalgar Homeless

the Finance Bill.

☐ THE sale of Ideal Homes by Trafalgar House - henceforth to be known as Trafalgar Homeless, presumably — represents a concentration of focus that should find a place in the management consultancy textbooks. After the sale of a profitable housebuilder, Trafalgar can no longer be dubbed a mixed conglomerate. Instead, it will be almost entirely devoted to the business of making losses.

# BP to make big cuts in refining operations

BP is to make huge cutsbacks in its refining operations with the sale of two plants in the United States and France and the partial closure of a third in the Netherlands. The \$1,1 billion cost of the closure and sales will be taken as an exceptional charge to after-tax profits for the fourth quarter

The cuts are designed to bring BP's loss-making refining operations back into profit. The move follows the sale in November of the Marcus Hook refinery in the US, and the combined effect of that sale and yesterday's planned disposals and closure will reduce refining capacity from 2 million to 1.4 million barrels per day, well below BP's own product requirement of 1.8

million barrels per day. The refinery cutbacks will bring BP in line with the industry leaders which typically refine less product than they sell. Overcapacity has created a buyer's market for oil

BP plans to sell its Lima refinery in Ohio, which is surplus to marketing requirements. The company intends to upgrade its Toledo, Ohio. refinery with a \$200 million investment programme. The Lavera refinery in the south of France will also be sold and the Pernis section of the Nerefco refinery in Rotterdam, jointly owned with Texaco, will be closed with the loss of 350 jobs.

BP will be left with 11

Browne, chief executive, said the company was determined that its assets should be among the top 25 per cent in efficiency and profitability. Refineries are under pres-

sure worldwide because of excess capacity and sluggish demand. BP reckons that global refining margins were only \$1.70 per barrel last year. They have since improved to \$2.40 but the company expects deterioration as new refineries in Asia come on stream this year. Mr Browne said that debonlenecking and efficiency improvements at existing plants was further increasing capacity at the rate of 0.7 per cent per year.

The exceptional charge includes \$610 million for anticirefineries worldwide and John pated losses on sale and

closure costs. A further provi-sion of \$465 million relates to provision for potential envi-ronmental liabilities. BP has spent \$1.3 billion over the last three years bringing six of its refineries up to its top quartile standard and intends to bring the remaining five up to the same level. However, Mr Brown said that the disposal would mean that annual investment in refining of \$450 million would be reduced to \$300 million. He said that the company would not rule out partnerships with investors

for the Lavera and Lima

refineries if an outright sale

could not be achieved. He indicated that closure also

remained an option

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#### Reg Vardy's record six months

NEW dealerships and strong organic growth in vehicle sales and aftersales helped Reg Vardy, the Sunderland motor dealer. to a 22.3 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £6.15 million in the six months to October 31 (Philip

Pangalos writes). Peter Vardy, chairman, said the period was the busiest in the group's history", boosted by several new dealerships and the key N registration month of August. Turn-over expanded by 51.6 per cent to £279.8 million.

The interim dividend is raised 12.5 per cent to 2.25p (2p), payable on April 30, from earnings ahead 20 per cent to 9p (7.5p) a share. The shares dipped 4p to 269p.

## Matthew Clark boycotts alcoholic soft drinks

By Christine Buckley

than anticipated from the

absorption of Gaymer, which

it bought last year, and was realising benefits of £10 mil-

lion a year, El million ahead of

MATTHEW CLARK, the drinks company which is the biggest cider producer in the UK, yesterday pledged not to produce an alcoholic soft drink and added its voice to the growing criticism over the drink, which this week led to the main drinks companies adopting a code of conduct.

Peter Aikens, chief executive of the company, which comprises Gaymer and Taunton cider, said: "We won't produce one because we do not agree with drinks being aimed at

such young people."

Although cider is traditionally a younger person's drink. Mr Aikens said he was confident the company's brands could not be mistaken for more innocuous drink.

The company is also in talks with its largest customers on whether it should weaken its

Matthew Clark, which cider brands before October. more than doubled its halfwhen a new tax will hit ciders above 7.5 per cent alcohol content. The tax of 8p a pint, year pre-tax profits on the contribution of Gaymer from £7.2 million to £15.4 million. announced in the last Budget, would affect premium brands cast a cloud over its perforsuch as Diamond White. mance - which had benefited Mr Aikens said: "We are from a growth in the cider discussing who would bear the brunt of the cost, and if our market and demand for its mineral water — with a de-cline in wholesale operating

customers decided they would prefer a lower strength, then we could produce it." profits. Overall margins at the wholesale units fell by an The company, which bought Taunton last Novem-ber, plans to spend about £18.5 million on restructuring, but average of one percentage point, while operating profits fell 11 per cent to £1.9 million. estimates cost savings of Ell million a year. It said it had achieved higher cost savings Last month the company

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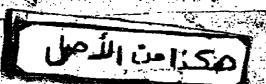


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MICHAEL CLARK

# Market-makers fight back to stem slide

SHARES on the London stock market put up a resilient performance in the face of the near 100-point fall in the Dow Jones average overnight on Wall Street.

Market-makers were quick off the mark in order to deter potential sellers and it appears that their tactics met with some success. At one stage the FT-SE 100 index was down more than 26 points, but it later rallied, helped by an opening rally in New York, to close off the bottom with a fall of 16.6 points at 3,654.9 on turnover of 865 million shares.

The sharp fall on Wall Street had been anticipated for some time. The failure to resolve the deadlock over the US federal budget deficit provided the opportunity for the correction to be made.

Brokers in London said there was little genuine selling pressure as institutional investors continued to take a bullish view of prospects over the medium term.

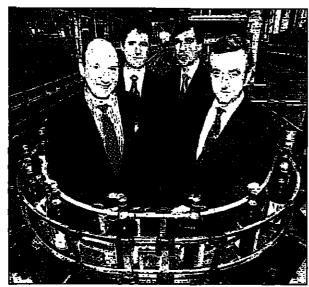
There were also other factors underpinning the market. Large sums, accrued following the expiry of five-year Tessa schemes, need to be reinvested as will the profits accrued if Granada wins control of Forte.

There appears to be no shortage of takeover speculation, with traders convinced that another blue chip will soon find itself under the hammer. The money yesterday was resting on Grand Metropolitan, up 42p at 449p, and Ladbroke, 4p stronger at 152p. Talk that Bass. down 7p at 710p, may want to bid for Ladbroke has been

There was further heavy turnover in Forte as the arbitrageurs continued to take a keen interest by gambling on a Granada victory. By the close a total of 40.5 million Forte shares had been traded as the price edged forward another 8<sup>2</sup>p to 368<sup>2</sup>p. Granada, which earlier this week raised its offer to £3.8 billion, also climbed 11p to 664p.

United Biscuits came under late pressure, falling 16p to 254p, as dealers expressed disappointment with the revised terms of the Keebler frozen foods disposal.

The stores sector attracted a good deal of attention as the leading players continued to in the busy run-up to Christmas. The market gave a



A 4p share dip for, left to right, Matthew Clark's Hugh Etheridge, Andy Nash. Peter Aikens and Peter Huntley

a 5.5 per cent increase in sales at Boots during the 13 weeks to December 31. Chemist operations made most of the running, but Halfords was flat and Do It All saw a decline. The shares finished 7p lower

Carpetright responded positively to a bullish performance, rising 15p to 429p.

During the first six months of

downgrade their profit forecasts for the current year. Storehouse fell 21p to 300p after reporting static sales in the six week run-up to Christmas, but increased gross margins resulted in higher profits.

The news was little better

from Sears, with the group now planning to halt the rot by closing its Saxone and Curtess shoe shops and selling

Unilever fell 25p to £13.17 after a downgrading by ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker. Like other brokers, Hoare is becoming increasingly worried about British companies with interests in Germany. It has cut its forecast for 1996 by £60 million to £2.5 billion and for 1997 by £40 million to £2.79 billion.

the year pre-tax profits grew from £3.05 million to £10.1 million with earnings up nearone-third. Lord Harris of Peckham, chairman, said the group currently had 221 stores but planned to double that number within the next two to

The news from stores like Sears and Storehouse was gloomy, prompting brokers to

Milletts and Sears Retail (Holland). The measures are likely to cost £65 million. The picture was made worse by the decline in overall sales, mainly the result of a near 12 per cent decline in sales at British Shoe, BZW has slashed its profit estimate for Sears in the current year by £10 million to E105 million. It has also reduced its estimate for Store-



house from £115 million t £107 million. Sears ended 12: higher at 99½ p.

There was some good nev at long last for shareholders of McDonnell Douglas Informa tion Systems (MDIS) as emerged that Geac Computer Corporation has acquired a near 4 per cent stake in the company. MDIS ended 9 higher at 59p.

Matthew Clark, the cide

maker, failed to benefit from pre-tax profits that more that doubled. The shares fell 4p t 689p. The group said the improvement had been fuelled by better than expected sav ings from Gaymers. The good news was undermined by slide in margins at its whole

A report in The Times lifted Cable and Wireless 4p to 460p. The report confirmed that C&W failed to agree terms with American Telephone and Telegraph last year over the sale of its Mercury telecom business. Traders in London take the view that AT&T will not let the matter rest there and come back with a definite offer. This could leave the way open for a full bid for C&W from BT, 22p easier at 355p.

☐ GILT EDGED: Prices opened lower, reflecting overnight falls in US Treasury bonds and continental bond markets. But the appearance of a few bargain hunters provided the signal for a rally.

sumed trading. In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt traded in narrow limits throughout much of the session before closing all-square at £110932 as a total of 68,000 contracts were

time. This proved short-lived.

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In the cash market, brokers reported a further steepening of the yield curve as the longer end of the market underperformed. Treasury 8 per cent 2013 finished a couple of ticks easier at £1021/32, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 firmed £5/32 at £1049/16. ☐ NEW YORK: Shares were firm at midday after two days of heavy losses, with bargainhunters particularly buying heavily beaten technology is-

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 25.65 points to 5,058.59, with advances beating declines by four to three. TONDON EMANCIAL FUTURES

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## TEMPUS Refining the oil industry

proposing to sell two plants and close part of a third, the market would have rejoiced. Turning barrels of crude oil into gasoline. diesel and heating oil is a business that loses money worldwide and the already thin margins earned by refineries are likely to get worse as their number increases.

What the oil industry needs is fewer refineries, but one million extra barrels of capacity will come on stream this year adding to the gradual drip of barrels from debottlenecking and more efficent use of plant.

BP deserves credit for taking aggressive action to attempt to put its own operations into profit but savings of up to \$150 million per year could take years to come through compared with the immediate hit of over \$1

IF BP had yesterday announced it was shutting down three refineries, rather than billion this year. The problem is that refineries not only cost a fortune to build but environmental regulation imposes a huge price on shutting them down. The marginal cost of running a loss-making plant is easily concealed within the accounts of an oil company when refining is lumped together with the highly profitable business of marketing oil products.

Refineries tend to absorb cash as new products and processes demand new kit. taking funds that BP would rather spend on more profitable upstream activities. BP had little choice but to reduce its output which was running well ahead of the barrels it could sell but the \$1 billion sacrifice will do little to change the shaky economics of the industry. A little more disclosure by companies of the cost of their refineries might do more.

#### Sears

LIAM STRONG is adamant that the clearing out at Sears has ended, but City institutions want more. Long criticised by the City for its hotchpotch of businesses, Sears until recently encompassed women's wear, shoes, sportswear, mail order and Selfridges department store.

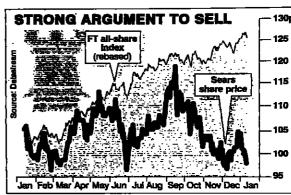
Sportswear has gone, as have a brace of shoe retailers, and yesterday Strong revealed that Saxone. Curtess, Millets and the Dutch shoe business are the latest to face expulsion.

The move is welcome but is considered too little and rather late. Sears is in the final year of a three-year recovery programme but profits have yet to show much improvement. Analysts have again trimmed their forecasts — to about £105 million, excluding yesturing charge.

terday's £65 million restruc-

Sears needs cash to invest in its businesses and the move to out-source a range of services such as accounting will free up about £23 million of funds. Withdrawal from the latest batch of businesses will free further funds but the benefits are not expected until 2000.

The hope remains that Strong will further dismantle his sprawling empire with a sale of the women's wear brands or the mail order business. Shareholders' patience is beginning to wear thin and unless Sears demonstrates solid gains without further asset sales, investors may seek disposals in the



#### Lonrho

CONGLOMERATES are so deeply unfashionable that Lonrho's new management may feel confident that spinning off the mining business will in itself enhance shareholder value. That assumption should be knocked quickly on the head. At least two of the mining assets, Ashanti and Duiker Mining, are already quoted companies and the platinum interests have a see-through value from the Impala share price.

It is therefore reasonable to assume that Lonrho shares already take into account most of the assumed £1 billion value of a quoted "Lonrho Mining".

Moreover, that value assumes that Lonrho will float its mining interests free of any portion of the parent's £500 million of net debt. It also ignores the likelihood that a company whose principal assets are mining shares will be the valuation of the Lonrho rump of businesses. Under Dieter Bock's re-

gime, profitability has vastly improved and it is not unreasonable to assume further gains but Lonrho still generates a huge amount of profit from Africa. Currency fluctuations have in the past had a devastating impact on Lonrho's retained earnings and last year reduced the value of retained profits by £35 million. The main advantage of a demerger for share-holders should be to put a spotlight on the profits and cash generation potential of

#### Matthew Clark

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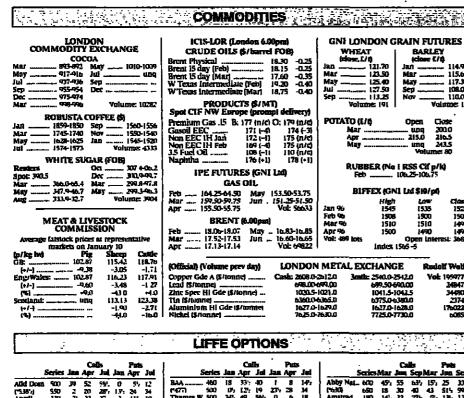
HAVING bought Babycham, Gaymer's cider, Warnink's (since sold) and Taunton Cider in the past year. Matthew Clark is unlikely to be filling its glass again soon. With gearing of 50 per cent the company needs to rebuild resources by generating cash

Clark may pick up the odd wholesaler but we have probably seen the last of the drinks takeovers which have propelled the company to No I in UK cider with a market share of 48 per cent against

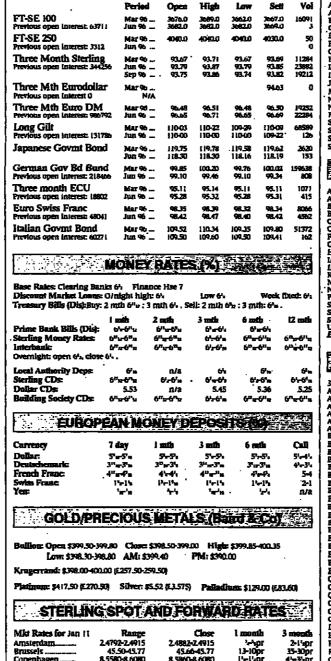
Matthew Clark is right to focus on wholesaling. Cider sales are sparkling — albeit threatened by a duty increase on higher-strength brews but the company's wholesal-ing interests suffered an 11 per cent fall in operating profits. A reorganisation is in progress in conjunction with the integration of Gaymer and Taunton but also because of the need to restore profitability.

A successful wholesale business will cushion the company from heavy exposure to the fads of drinkers. While cider is undoubtedly flavour of the month, who is to say it won't follow bitter downwards and into a quiet corner of the pub?

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### Pressure to compete wins over yet another convert to banking status

indus he Woolwich's decision to abandon 150 years of mutuality came after much soulsearching and widespread leaking of its plans. Conversion to banking status, the Woolwich argued, is the only way it could hope to retain its position as Britain's fifth biggest mortgage lender, expand its business and compete head-on with rival homeosculars. searching and widespread

rival bancassurers.
With the Alliance & Leicester poised to announce similar plans. the Woolwich's move effectively signals the end for big, national mutuals. Mutuality, said Peter Robinson, new chief executive of the Woolwich, has a place for a building society that has a strong regional bias, and that sticks to its core

He said the Woolwich needs to "escape from the constraints of pre-scriptive legislation," needs greater flexibility in funding operations, "par-ticularly in gaining wider access to capital, with which to fuel increased business development, including acquisitions; and more definite clarity in the relationship between customers purchasing, for example, fee earning services such as current accounts and unit trusts, and those investing and borrowing members who actually own the business"

The Woolwich flotation, valuing the society at an estimated £3 billion. is likely to mean a rough average of £1,000 for each of its 3.5 million qualifying members.

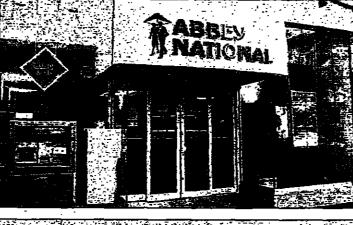
Given the trend for large societies to convert to bank status and seek a stock market listing, Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Europe, estimated that nearly one in three of the population are poised to benefit from a payout and, if mergers and acquisitions continue at the present rate, one in two will benefit.

Before the Woolwich announced its plans, proposed conversions totalled Ell billion. The Woolwich takes this to El4 billion. An Alliance & Leicester float at an estimated £2.5 billion would lift the total to £16.5 billion.

Abbey National set the ball rolling in 1989 when it floated at a stock market value of £1.7 billion and qualifying members benefited from the distribution of 100 free shares worth 130p each and the opportunity to apply for additional shares at 130p. Abbey shareholders who kept their shares would now have a holding worth £632. The bank is capitalised at £8.3 billion. On the first day of trading the bank was 100 per cent owned by its 5.5 million members. Today it is 50 per cent owned by institutions, although 2

million people still hold shares. Since Abbey National first tested the stock market water for converted building societies, and proved that it can be a successful business move, others have been keen to follow. The sweeteners to convince members to vote for conversion to pic have grown considerably since the Abbey's modest free share offer. Abbey

## Mutual attraction wears off for the Woolwich

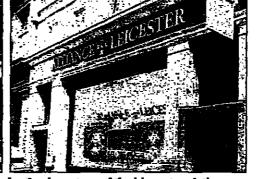




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when it launched the first hostile bid for a building society, making a stock market announcement that it had tried and failed to hold merger talks with National & Provincial. The move initially infuriated N&P, which had been close to agreeing a merger and conversion with the Nationwide. However, forced to put its owners' interests first, the society effectively put itself up for auction, attracting interest from five organisations before reaching agreement to sell itself to Abbey for £1.35

N&P's L34 million qualifying members are to receive at least £500 in Abbey shares. Savers of more £750, which they can receive in cash. and an extra payment depending on the size of their savings account.

Such consolidation in the industry is a factor in the sudden urgency for societies such as the Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester to convert to bank status. Lloyds Bank said it planned to start a "mortgage war" with the £1.8 billion takeover of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, which was completed last August. This saw nearly one million C&G members receive bonus payments averaging £2,500. The top payout, however, was a generous

The Halifax merged with the Leeds Building Society, also in August. The new giant plans a stock market flotation this year, which is likely to value the firm at £10 billion. Qualifying members will receive between £800 and £1,000 in shares, with cash payments to those under

the age of 18 and with less than £100 in their accounts. The Alliance & Leicester, which also owns Girobank, is considering a range of options. These include a takeover or merger followed by a stock market listing or a straightfor-ward flotation such as that proposed by the Woolwich. A flotation announcement is believed to be sched-

uled for next month. The Nationwide, which will be the Halifax converts, said yesterday that it had no plans to convert. The society appears to have decided to batten down the hatches after its failed attempt to merge with N&P.
Brian Davis, its chief executive,

said: "We have absolutely no plans to do anything other than stay as a building society." He said the society can achieve everything it wants

to as a mutual society.

As the UK's eighth biggest retail financial services firm, Nationwide, is committed to mutuality until it has fully resolved the problems it faced after a difficult merger with Anglia. It is seen as a takeover target for a firm such as BAT, the tobacco

is known to wish to expand. For those building societies that have little chance of converting to plc status, unless one of the bigger players tables a takeover bid, mergers with each other are the only practical way forward. An early indication of how these might work was announced at the beginning of the month when the £700 million Stroud & Swindon said that it was to take over the £100 million City & Metropolitan. The move will trigger bonus payments of up to £2,500 for thousands of C&M members.

At the time of the announcement, Richard Payne, chief executive of the S&S which is ranked twenty-fifth in the building society league, told The Times: "We are not a predator and this is not a hostile action. It is very much an old-fashioned agreed merger between two building societies who believe in the long-term future of mutuality."

Ken Culley, chairman of the Build-ing Societies Association, said of the Woolwich move: "Following recent intense speculation, this announcement comes as no surprise. However, this decision is one that the Woolwich Building Society has taken for itself alone. There will still be more than 70 building societies and they will continue to play an important part in the financial system. As recent mortgage rate cuts and analysis of the maturing Tessas show, building societies consistently offer very competitive products to their members and are popular with the public. There is every reason for the building society sector to continue to thrive."

Whichever firms remain mutual, change is being forced on the industry, and not only by the departure of its biggest societies. After completing a two-year review of building societies last year the Treasury granted the mutuals a number of significant concessions, such as being able to raise money more easily on the capital markets. But ministers indicated that in return they wanted boards of directors to be more accountable to their members and to consider sharing profits in the good years by paying a form of dividend or offering higher savings or lower mortgage rates. The medium-sized societies are

divided in their response to the conversion mania going on around them. Bradford & Bingley has said it is committed to independence and mutuality. Britannia is tipped as showing interest in the stock market. Bristol & West, which is trying to divest itself of Hamptons estate agency, is seen as a takeover target.

Despite protestations by smaller societies like Bradford & Bingley, it is worth bearing in mind that Jon Foulds, chairman of the Halifax, was still espousing the virtues of mutual-ity only months before it announced its plans to merge with the Leeds and float on the stock market.

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**Competitiveness** 



#### Laura Ashley's secret shopper

LAURA ASHLEY has won a new fan and half a customer. I say "half" because Julie Ramshaw, five years at Morgan Stan-ley, where she is a vicepresident and the retail analyst, is joining the soft furnishings and clothing group's executive commit-tee on January 22. Julie admits she has bought Laura Ashley furnishings in her time — but not its clothes. In the past, she has also been a fervent seller of the shares. However, since new management under chief executive Ann Iverson started to improve the group's fortunes, she's turned buyer. Where Julie buys her clothes remains her secret but for her undoubted retail expertise. it's little wonder Laura Ashley approached her with a job offer.



Whatever makes you think they're with the Woolwich?"

AFTER the demise of Saxone in favour of anonymous-sounding new brand names at Sears' British Shoe, wags now predict its next format will be called Shoes-Were-Us.

#### Red carpet

NO GUESSES as to why the man to be introduced to the House of Lords on February 7 and who started selling rugs at the age of 15 has chosen to be known v the name, style and title Baron Harris of Peckham, of Peckham in the London Borough of Southwark. After all, it was in the Peckham market in 1957 that he started on the magic carpet to becoming a multi-

#### All aboard

millionaire.

FUN and games at the Woolwich photocall yesterday, and I wager the society's Strand branch is soon treated to a lick of paint. Asked to pose for photographers outside the odd-shaped building, one of the least lovely exam-ples of the society's 500 strong chain, Peter Robinson, the chief executive, was heard to mutter that the façade was terrible. Strolling back down the Strand afterwards, photographers flippantly suggested he jump aboard a nearby number six bus. Robinson readily agreed, even though the Aldywch to Kensal Rise route goes nowhere near Woolwich.

COLIN CAMPBELL

# Time to close the competitiveness gap

orporate Britain is failing to compete effectively enough or extensively enough, and unless we begin to address the structural and cultural weaknesses that constrain business growth, the situation will worsen.

The all-party Commons Trade and industry Select Committee, which spent nearly 18 months examining almost every aspect of manufacturing competitiveness, gave warning that the "opportunity to bridge the competitiveness gap will be temporary, given the rise of the newly industrialised countries, and action therefore needs to begin

The Government's Competitiveness White Paper acknowledges that British industry is losing out in the race for market share, and draws attention to the "long tail" of poor to mediocre companies finding it harder and harder to compete.

On virtually every independent measure of national competitiveness, the UK's ranking has fallen dramatically over the past 17 years.

According to the World Economic Forum, the UK has slipped towards the bottom end of the international prosperity league table, only two places above Chile. A similar survey by the OECD placed Britain eighteenth out of 24.

Britain's trade balance continues to widen, our share of world trade is falling in relative terms, and our investment record remains embarrassingly poor by international

Such a lacklustre perfor-mance should be ringing alarm bells in every government department.

The Treasury, which has consistently overshadowed the Department of Trade and industry on competitiveness issues, claims that corporate Britain is "broadly on the right track as things are", and growth of inward investment

as a symbol of success.

The level of inward investment has slowed dramatically since the late 1980s, and is now only a third of what British companies invest abroad. Foreign investment is helping to revitalise our manufacturing base, but we also desperately

need to increase investment by British-based firms.

The Government also continues to trumpet the growth of the small firms sector. Unfortunately, the number of small firms has fallen year on year since 1989 and there has been little evidence of small firms growing into clusters of expanding export-led mediumsized companies akin to the German Mittlestand.

The scarcity of mediumsized companies, which currently account for just 0.4 per cent of enterprises in the UK, has left many of our largest companies increasingly reliant on overseas suppliers.

With a few exceptions, prowth among the larger firms has also been disappointing, especially in manufacturing. The corporate philosophy of "more from less" has raised productivity levels and boosted profits, but this has not translated into invest-

ment in new capacity.

The core problem seems to be that the availability of income dedicated for investment continues to be squeezed by the relentless shareholder pressure for higher and higher dividend growth.
Industrialists complain that

they are unable to look for more from more" because the financial markets are obsessed with maximising shareholder value, and are immune from Corporate Britain is locked into a

system that rewards short-term rises in dividend and deters the long-term drive for capital growth, says Richard Caborn

in a call for public policy to be used to help more companies to become world class

the long-term destabilising

Corporate Britain seems to have locked itself into a financial system that rewards shortterm dividend growth and deters longer-term capital investment, especially in the more intangible areas, such as skills training, R&D and inno-vation, which are critical to improved competitivéness. The problem is exacerbated

the preoccupation with short-term accounting measures, the spread of performance-related pay based on short-term profits, and the Government's lax takeover and merger regulations. The big pension funds.



which manage more than £400 billion of investments (one third of all personal wealth in UK), are especially

cluded that, in spite of the long-term nature of the liabilities of pension funds, "they regard short-term dividends as a more important part of the return on equity investment than long-term capital

Trade in and trade out, but many British companies are failing to compete in international markets

open to criticism. The select committee con-

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ultimate beneficiaries, often find themselves employed by companies that under-invest, and that blame the problem on the need to meet the shortterm profit expectation of the

Government has a key role to play in removing the barriers to long-term investment and modifying the attitudes of large institutional investors. Labour is considering

pension funds to which they

are contributing.

changes in the law to extend the rights of pension beneficiaries and trustees over their investment managers, alongside proposals to reward long-term share ownership, reforms to competition policy and takeover regulations, and plans for new regional investment schemes under the auspices of development

The party's corporate tax review team is also examining the various fiscal options available to encourage financial institutions to place less emphasis on high dividend growth, and other measures to enable a cultural shift.

Governments worldwide are exploring similar measures to boost investment for future prosperity.

The Clinton Administration, for example, is working with the US Competitiveness Council on standards for measuring human resource investment, and on a radical reform programme to promote investment partnerships between institutional shareholders, company managers and staff. In Australia, the focus of the eighth Social Accord has been vision of the company as a on channelling the country's community of partnership in which each employee has a burgeoning superannuation stake, and where a company's funds into capturing private responsibilities are more investment for public benefit, clearly delineated. with Keating's own competitiveness council warning of the Any system of corporate governance, for example, that ex-cludes the voice of employees, dangers of copying the British model of competing on the

low wage costs. Labour has no intention of imposing wholesale change on the financial system, but, where the interests of the City conflict with the long-term health of the UK economy, they need to be balanced by

basis of a weak currency and

Part of the competitiveness gap is clearly down to the way Britain invests and the underlying tensions between finance and industry. However, the corporate culture born out of the Thatcherite era of boom to bust is also a significant contributory factor.

Investment houses bemoan the lack of basic financial management skills, particularly among small firms, while the banks claim that most companies rarely see long-term investment growth as a primary objective.

The big worry is that Britain has far too few indigenous world-class companies, and, without a change in corporate behaviour, we are unlikely to produce more than the handful we have. The RSA's Tomorrow's Company survey of 500 UK firms showed that shorttermism is still very much part of the British management ethos, and that our system of corporate governance is large ly to blame. Government clearly has a

vital role to play in promoting a new system of corporate governance built on long-term relationships of trust between the owners of capital, managers of industry and the workforce. Labour is considering a number of ways forward, including supporting corpora-tions wishing to set up two-tier boards, measures to encourage information disclosure relating to R&D, skills training and other factors of competi-

to the Companies Act. Crucially, as Tony Blair said in his keynote speech in Singatime to shift the emphasis in corporate ethos towards a

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# Siemens plans more investment with orders set to top £2bn

By PHILIP PANGALOS

SIEMENS PLC, the UK arm of Siemens AG, the German electronics and engineering group, expects British orders to exceed £2 billion this year and plans more acquisitions in the UK information technology sector to give its UK market

position a significant boost.

Jürgen Gchrels, chief executive of Siemens plc, is optimistic on the group's UK prospects, but said that further UK

investment is needed as well as acquisitions to fulfil its ambitions and potential. Herr Gehrels said: "The market for

information systems in the UK is worth more than £10 billion [annually] ... Clearly our position is rather weak and therefore I think further acquisitions will be necessary to strengthen our position

significantly." Herr Gehrels said the total UK electronics market is worth £50 billion a year, making it the sixth largest in the

same as 1995. "As in previous years, we mean to grow faster than this," Herr Gehrels added.

In 1995 Siemens plc saw flat turnover of £1.29 billion, though there is an increase of about 20 per cent if distortions in the previous year are stripped out. Post-tax profits amounted to about 2 per cent of turnover.

Orders received grew £200 million, or

world. He said it is expected to continue growing at about 6 per cent in 1996, the mark for the first time. Past investment, position in the UK telecoms market. especially in research and development, helped exports to rise 29.8 per cent to £268 million. R&D spend grew 8 per cent to £133 million. Employee numbers rose 2.7 per cent to 10,224.

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Herr Gehrels said Siemens is happy with its investment in GPT, the UK's largest telecoms manufacturer in which it has a 40 per cent stake. "Our acquisition of Plessey, and the subse-

Siemens is very happy with its investment in GPT. It's a top performer; there are no plans to change the arrangement." Last autumn, Siemens acquired a 75

per cent stake in Mercury Communications' private voice communications unit. It also expanded its participation in the rail maintenance market.

Herr Gehrels said the privatisation of British Rail and the Private Finance

Initiative will create significant invest ment opportunities. On speculation that Siemens may be interested in Mercury, Herr Gehreis told The Times that the group had no intention of bidding for the company.

However, Siemens may build further factories in the UK. Herr Gehrels said: There may be an opportunity to build a UK factory to manufacture engine management systems for Rover." He said a decision on a site will be made this year.

# Persimmon aims to buy Trafalgar's Ideal Homes

By Sarah Cunningham

PERSIMMON is in talks with debt-laden Trafalgar House about buying its Ideal Homes subsidiary and expects to announce a deal by the end of

However, Beazer Homes said it was "surprised and disappointed" at this news. It said it had also made an offer which had been ignored.

"It should at least be talking rather than doing an exclusive deal," a spokesman added. Beazer said it remains an interested buyer. Trafalgar House and Persimmon will both have to put their pro-posed deal to shareholders.

Trafalgar House said it was not at liberty to consider other offers at this point and added that it had been aware of the terms being proposed by Beazer when the board decided in favour of the Persimmon

#### SmithKline reorganises healthcare

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the UK drugs group, is to combine its healthcare services units into a single

The division - Healthcare Services — is to be run rently chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical Centre.

Jan Leschly, chief executive of Smithkline Beecham, said: "Competition in the healthcare industry is liercer than ever, and controlling healthcare costs is a major challenge." He said the move would help the group in meeting customer requirements and building a stronger founda-tion for global expansion.

deal. It said that Beazer would have to make a formal and much better offer if it wanted it to be put to Trafalgar House's shareholders.

Trafalgar House, which re-cently unveiled E321 million losses, is expected to receive a little more than Ideal Homes' asset value of £150 million from Persimmon. It was Trafalgar House's largest single profit-maker last year, bringing in a E19 million operating

The shipping, engineering and construction group wants to wipe out its £229 million debts, and is also trying - so far without success - to sell its US housebuilding operations, valued at about £90 million. Hambros, Persimmon's

merchant bank, said yester-day agreement with Trafalgar House on price and terms should be reached by the end of January. Persimmon has exclusive rights on Ideal Homes while it carries out the usual pre-purchase investigations. Trafalgar House may be able to put the deal before its shareholders at its annual meeting on February 22.

Persimmon would finance the purchase with a combination of debt and equity, raised through a rights issue. Per-simmon shares fell after yesterday's announcement of talks, dipping 11p to 198p in dilution. Analysts said the deal was potentially good for Persimmon. Caspar Trenchard, of Smith New Court, the broker, said: "At £160 million, done with around two-thirds debt and one-third equity, it would be attractive."

Persimmon, which last September announced first-half pre-tax profits of £10.1 million. down 10 per cent from the previous year, said ideal Homes would be "an excellent commercial fit".



## Carpetright profits up 26%

By Sarah Bagnall

CARPETRIGHT, the carpet retailer, saw its shares jump 150 to a high of 439p after Lord Harris of Peckham, the group's newly ennobled chairman and chief executive, unveiled a better than expected rise in interim profits.

Pre-tax profits rose 26 per cent, to EIO.1 million, in the 26 weeks to October 28 on sales ahead 30 per cent, to £33.9 million. Lord Harris said: "Turnover increased during a very difficult trading period

affected by a weak carpet market and the exceptionally long hot summer."

He said second-half trading was above expectations and that he was confident about future profitability. Carpetright, which was

floated on the stock market at 148p a share in 1993, has opened 40 stores since the start of the year, lifting the total to 221. Lord Harris said the launch of Premier Carpets, the new concession format,

had been successful and that he hoped to open a further 15 by April 30, making 35. "We are currently aiming to build a chain of 120 outlets," he said.

The group plans to build Carpet Depot, its new superstore format, into a 20strong chain within a year. The group's cash reserve stood at £24.1 million. The interim dividend, due on February 23, rises 41 per cent, to 5.5p. payable out of earnings of 8.7p a share, up 28 per cent.

#### **UB** takes price cut in US disposal

By MARTIN BARROW

UNITED BISCUITS, the British maker of savoury snacks and biscuits, has been forced to accept a reduced price for its American frozen food interests.

The company disclosed yesterday that it has completed the sale of the frozen foods business of Keebler to Wind-sor Foods for just \$70 million in cash. This represents an 18 per cent discount to the agreed price of \$86 million when the sale was first announced last November.

John Warren, finance director of United Biscuits, said that the sale proceeds "remain satisfactory in the light of recent trading trends, the alternative sale options for the business and UB's decision to withdraw from its US operations as a whole".

Shares in United Biscuits fell 4p, to 266p, yesterday. Completion of the much

larger disposal of Keebler's US cookie and cracker business, raising \$500 million, appears to be taking longer than expected. The company now expects to complete the sale to Inflo Holdings later this month, when remaining contractual conditions have been satisfied, against original expectations of a sale by the end of last month. Inflo is a joint venture between Ameri-ca's Flowers Industries and

Artal Luxembourg.
In addition, discussions with a number of interested parties relating to the sale of elements of the Salty Snacks business of Keebler, which also got under way in November, are continuing. The sale is expected to raise a further \$86

The proposed sale of the Keebler businesses and UB's exit from America were announced in July, when shareholders were warned of a sharp fall in first-profits and a cut in the interim dividend. Morgan Stanley, the merchant bank, was retained to evaluate options for partnerships or disposals of components of the business.

UB is due to report year-end results in March, when the final dividend, maintained at 9.8p a share last time, is expected to be cut.

#### ASILISMESS ROUNDUP

#### **McDonnell shares** rise on Geac stake

SHARES in McDonnell Information Systems Group, the beleaguered computer services company, received an unexpected boost yesterday when it emerged that Geac Computer Corporation, of America, has acquired a 3.79 per cent interest. The shares, which have fallen sharply after successive gloomy trading statements, rose by 9p, to 59p, with more than one million shares traded. Geac holds 3.79 million shares, worth £2.2 million at yesterday's closing price.

Geac, which some years ago acquired the Canadian business of McDonnell Douglas, made an unsuccessful offer for MDIS's loss-making library division, which has since been sold. MDIS said that there had been no talks between the two companies in respect of Geac's shareholding. MDIS shares were floated on the London stock market in 1994, at 260p each.

#### **Denmans lifts payout**

DENMANS ELECTRICAL, the distributor of electrical products, reported record profits and a three-for-one bonus share issue as it prepared to move up from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing. In the year to September 30, profits rose to £3.02 million before tax, from £2.8 million, on sales of £50.6 million (£46.7 million). Earnings were 44.7Sp a share (41p). The majority of the Denman family's interests will have been been adjusted to a profit between the same of the s be transferred to a newly established private company that will own 57.5 per cent of the equity. The total dividend is up 50 per cent to 10.2p a share, with a final 8p due on February 23.

#### Shandwick refinanced

SHANDWICK, the public relations company, has refinanced 50 per cent of its borrowings to complete its long-term funding arrangements. It has placed \$40 million of unsecured loan notes with US institutions at a fixed rate of 7.76 per cent for eight years, taking advantage of low US interest rates. At the same time, Lloyds, Midland and Fuji are to provide facilities of a further £27 million in a mix of currencies. The unsecured arrangements replace £50 million secured facilities provided by Lloyds, Midland, Barclays, National Westminster and Fuji. The capital restructuring began in 1994 with a rights issue.

#### **Coral Products rises**

CORAL PRODUCTS, the manufacturer of plastic moulded products that obtained a stock market listing last year, has declared a maiden interim dividend of 0.75p a share. In the half year to October 31, the company increased pre-tax profits to £773,000, from £579,000, giving earnings of 3.38p a share, up from 3.25p. The shares rose 3p to 68p yesterday, against a flotation price of 60p last April. Turnover increased to £4.66 from £2.66 million. Sir David Rowe-Ham, the chairman of Coral, said that sales continued to rise in the UK

#### Apta holds dividend

APTA HEALTHCARE, the nursing homes operator, is holding the interim dividend at 0.4p a share. In the half year to October 31, pre-tax profits rose to £817,000, from £121,000. with turnover increasing to £5.74 million, from £1.04 million. Earnings were 0.7p (0.4p) a share. Apta has 836 beds in operation after the refurbishment of Tennyson House in Nottingham, which is due to reopen at the end of this month. It also announced yesterday the acquisition of a speciality rehabilitation unit in Nottingham for £466,000 and the sale and leaseback of a nursing home in Lincoln for £1.3 million.

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#### Sales of new cars in EU advance THE number of new cars put

on to European Union roads last year was 0.5 per cent higher than in 1994, the Association of European Car Manulacturers reported yesterday. Total new car registrations

in the 15 EU countries amounted to 11 64 million. The figure for December was 7.7 per cent fewer than the figure for December 1994. New car registrations rose

3.6 per cent in Germany, 2 per cent in Italy and 1.8 per cent in 2.1 per cent in France, where the figures for December alone showed a decline of 18.6 per cent.

Sales by PSA, the French maker, fell 5.8 per cents by Renault, 5.4 per cent; by Mercedes, 3.4 per cents by BMW, 2 per cent, and by Ford, 0.5 per cent. Sales of cars made by Japanese companies fell 1.6 per cent, although Mitsubishi raised sales 7.5 per cent. South Korean firms increased sales by 68.3 per cent to take 1.5 per cent of the market.

## Rush for gold in Australia

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

GOLD fever swept Australia vesterday, with investors scrambling for gold stocks as the metal's price broke through the critical US\$400 level. A surge in demand for

shares in producers pushed the Australian gold index up 5 per cent to 2131, pulling an other-wise sluggish stock market up 10.5 points to 2248.7. Gold reached US\$401.75 in London in the previous session, before closing at US\$398.75. Yesterday, it closed at US\$399.25.

Keith Chode, a gold analyst with Bell Securities in Sydney. said: "It was feeding frenzy stuff. It just went crazy from lunchtime onwards. The \$400 level is a very important psychological level and is suddenly causing people to think, 'Wow, here we go'. People are talking about chart breakouts, they're having a field day. We've seen some really spectacular moves today, some verious rises."

Analysis said the price surge

in an already lively gold-mining industry. One said: "There is already a huge amount of activity in the Australian gold industry at the moment in terms of exploration and mines coming onstream, and this will encourage it even more. In the last week of December alone, four mines were started."

Among the biggest gainers, Piutonic added 57 cents to A\$7.45, an 8.3 per cent rise, cents to A\$3.10, up 9.2 per cent, and Placer gained 20 cents to A\$3.16 cents, up 6.8 per cent.

Mr Goode said the buying came from local investors and overseas. Another analyst said: "One can point to the fundamentals to explain the rise in the gold price, for example the move to gold for safety m the face of the weakness in the Dow Jones, but in reality it was the magical 400 number

## would lead to still more activity that pushed it up."

## Winners keep GGT ahead

ACCOUNT wins from CompuServe. Mastercard and a chocolate selection helped to cushion GGT Group, the advertising and marketing group, from patchy spending and a generally slow recovery

The group's gains in Brit-ain included Turtlewax, John Smiths Bitter, Cadbury Dairy Milk and UK Gold, while Stena Sealink and the Post Office Counters business left. In the US, gains such as By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

CompuServe followed the departure of Dollar Rent-a-Car. The company, which has been installing new management in Europe and reducing some business in the US. increased sales 8.5 per cent, to £156 million, and raised pretax profits for the half year to October 31 by 9.6 per cent, to

£2.9 million. Michael Greenlees, chairman, said: "The marketplace for advertising and marketing services is an extremely competitive and demanding environment and we have continued to take steps to ensure that we are equipped to beat the best in our business."

GGT scaled down its operation in Atlanta but it has strengthened its presence in Paris by merging a new agency with its present one. The enlarged French division made a small loss

The interim dividend, payable on April 10, rises by 5 per



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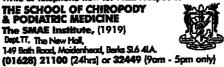


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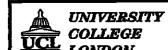
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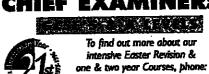
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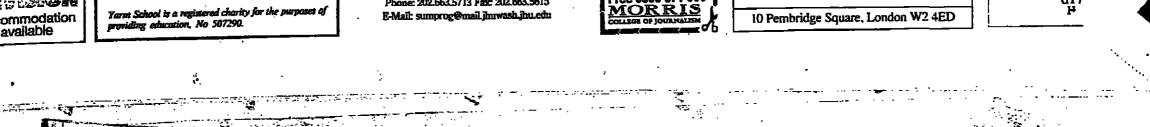


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# **EDUCATION**

# Why loans are going wrong

Students are going to have to pay more towards their education.

says Eric Ash

s Bernard Shaw discovered, "a higher education is useful in that it enables you to despise the wealth it prevents you from attaining". Even so, there is wide agreement embracing all flavours of political conviction - that maintaining the expansion of higher education which has taken place over the past two decades is vital for the future prosperity of Britain.

The problem is cost. The public provision which seemed affordable when fewer than 10 per cent of the age group participated in higher education plainly is not at the 30 per cent level we have now reached.

Until 1990, when student loans were introduced, both tuition fees and maintenance grants - for fulltime students — were a charge on the Exchequer. Since the benefits of receiving a higher education flow both to society and to the individual, it seems reasonable that the costs also should be shared - that the individual graduate should make some contribution.

There has been much debate as to whether the student's contribution should be towards maintenance or towards tuition costs. It has been argued that if the latter were adopted, the universities would win a greater measure of independence from government.

I believe that hope to be illusory. As long as government bears the major costs of a higher education institution, it will be able to call the tune. If government gets it wrong and the relentless squeeze on university finance is an all-too-clear example - there is no short cut to persuasion by political process. Universities can obtain a measure of independence only to the extent that they can earn income from non-governmental sources.

The loans which are administered by the Student Loans Company have been increased as the mandatory grant for students has been reduced. By next year, the loans will amount to half the provision. The scale of the operation is massive - loans in the current academic year will amount to £800 million.

The machinery has worked well — with one much publicised exception, when last year a scheme. designed to streamline loans for students who were already in receipt of a loan, ran into difficulties. While 93 per cent of the students received their loans in good time, the other 7 per cent suffered serious delays. That 7 per cent amounts to 35,000 students about 60 literate and justifiably

angry people per MP. It was a very audible error. The record up to that time had been indefinitely if the borrower has an



excellent and happily, in the current year, all has again worked smoothly. Nor is there any serious problem with collecting loan repayments. Presently, 93.5 per cent of repayments due have been collected. The prediction for the longer run is that this figure will rise to 97

It has been suggested that a better way of collecting repayments might be via National Insurance or taxation. A scheme based on this option is being successfully run in Australia, However, detailed studies have shown that the differences if any — in collection costs or default rate are too close to call. The terms on which the loans are given are benign. They are indexed for inflation but the real interest

charge is zero. Repayment starts in April in the year after graduation and is completed in five years. The repayments can be deferred

income of less than £15,200. The most onerous repayment rate, which could apply to any participant in the scheme, works out at 4 per cent of gross pay — the average being much less. It is difficult to believe that anyone could possibly regard them as a serious obstacle to embarking on higher education.

et all is not well with the loan scheme. The biggest problem is that it is slow to provide relief for the taxpayer. It is inevitable that in any scheme of this kind it will take some years before the repayments approach the rate of lending. So far, with the scheme in its sixth year, the annual repayments amount to only about 6 per cent of

If nothing is changed it will take until 2002 — beyond the next related formula, and it would election but one — before the repayments in any year amount to Even faster relief could be won if

Total number and loans paid each ye Average value of individual leans, paid each year

LOANS: THE REAL COSTS Borrowers due to repay at 31 March 1995

one half of the loans made in that year. A second problem stems from the fixed repayment period. If students were in future to be asked to carry a greater portion of the maintenance costs — a develop-ment not inconceivable, irrespective of the outcome of the next

begin to deter. Both problems stem from the concept of zero real interest rate. Zero interest is another word for money. It means that a part of the transaction is really a grant rather than a loan. It is a blurring of meaning which is defensible during the period of study; it has nothing going for it during the period of repayment. A commercial rate of interest would remove the need for rapid repayment of loans. which could be on an income

election - the repayments might

it were possible to transfer some or all of the loans to private financial institutions. A recent attempt by the Government to do that had to be postponed for lack of fervour on the part of the banks. The scheme would have involved

up to four financial institutions, the Student Loans Company and a sixth player - the holder of a database to co-ordinate the transactions. The complexity of this scheme may have militated against early implementation.

A simpler approach which adapts rather than seeks to replace the present system might persuasive to financial institutions and to a future government. Arithmetic gives the same answers irrespective of who asks the

• Sir Eric Ash was acting chief executive of the Student Loans Company throughout 1995. The above represents Even faster relief could be won if his personal views.

## At the very heart of Europe

David Tytler on a school where

pupils see themselves as Europeans

Lessons

sceptics, but a new order has arrived. And it seems to work.

The 3,500 pupils aged from four to 18, and taught by 400 staff from every country of the European Union, generally get on well together in the European School in Brussels. They get good results in the European Baccalaureate with most going on to higher education, often in a country other than their own.

The Brussels school, founded in 1958, is one of nine in eight countries, including Britain, set up by the EU to teach the sons and daughters of its officials. Their education is provided free but at considerable cost the Brussels school alone costs about E30 million a year, although it does admit a small number of

pupils who pay £1,200 a year. The first European school was founded in Luxembourg in 1957. All take as their starting point the words of Jean Monnet which are sealed into the foundations of each school: "Educated side by side, untrou-bled from infancy by

divisive prejudices, acquainted with all that is great and good in the different cultures, it will be borne in upon them as they mature that they

At the heart of each school is the emphasis on language. Lessons are taught in all nine official EU languages — Danish, Dutch, English, French, German. Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Many lessons are taught in the mother tongue, with irish available for the children of Irish officials. The uniqueness of the school lies in its approach to learning a foreign language.

The study of a first foreign

language — English, French or German — is compulsory from six. A second is added at 12, with an optional third language available from 14. The pupils skill is humbling: a playground conver-sation can switch from language to language without hesitation. Language classes are taught by a native speaker in mixed

nationality groups and a weekly European hour in the primary school brings together children from all nations in cultural. artistic and sporting activities. It is almost a statement of the obvious when John Marshall, the English head of the school, says: "The language work they do here bears no resemblance

Thisper it quietly in the to what they do in the UK."

Company of Euro- Once in the secondary school, art, music and sport are all taught in mixed nationalities. From 13, history and geography are taught in the pupils' first foreign language. But as one English parent said, it is often the case of pupils learning to swim or they will sink in a school that is only now beginning to recognise the need for structured

pastoral care. The emphasis is on success, with pupils being kept down a year if they fail the school's annual exams. Mr Marshall says that the system concentrates the mind and that the sanction is rarely imposed twice. He accepts, though, that life can be difficult for pupils entering the secondary classes, not least because of the language skills of

He says: "We do give extra time in special classes and parents also know are taught they may have to give extra lessons. But they have confidence in all nine in their ability to learn and most learn official EU very quickly. Children know they will be languages expected to perform. They know they get a

good deal and by and large perform better than the average.

Perhaps for the Euro-sceptics in England, the most controversial aspect of the school is its approach to history, but Mr Marshall makes no apology for teaching the subject to all pupils in a foreign language. He says: The idea is that you become more objective about your own country and outward-looking towards others.

"Pupils no longer learn national history but European history, which they are taught by people who may not share their own views, sitting alongside children whose own views may be challenged and who will challenge the views of others. They will receive a much more complete education than anybody else."

This objectivity is vital for Mr Marshall, who fears that many in Britain are being brought up in an anti-Europe atmosphere unable to make rational judg-ments for themselves. While ments for themselves. instil values and views. Mr Marshall cannot resist expressing his own hopes: "I would not have missed this opportunity for the world. Having taught here. you really believe that Europe has a future and hope that the pupils' experience will help to spread European values."

#### Girls at a London school are enjoying the benefits of a superhighway education, reports David Charter

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#### ushra Mazhar has no doubt that getting connected to the Internet is a worthwhile investment for schools. The 15-year-old from Walthamstow School for Girls sent an e-mail to the managing director of ICL, the computer

firm, after meeting him at an Internet conference, asking for work experience. He agreed. Bushra manages the Internet link at the school which has been online for several years, and is seen as a pioneer of superhighway possibilities. The enthusiasm of the girls they have a conferencing arrangement with other schools called Girls' Issues - shows the male-dominated image many have of the Internet is

pure myth. Bushra said: "I want the Internet to be a major part of my future life. There is a lot of

#### Switched on and learning sexism about computers gen-erally but anyone can use it if they have the skills." The usefulness of the

Internet for coursework ranges from images of the growth and development of tadpoles to information in French on social trends provided by a Canadian source. Providers of the Internet to schools ensure undesirable material is blocked. Jean Johnson, head of IT at

the school, says the girls clamour to use the single computer linked to the Internet, and they communi-cate regularly with schools in Sweden and Finland. She says: "It is a fantastic the use of computers but in day-to-day life and their con-tacts with other people. It has brought the whole world of telecommunications to a level which the girls can deal with and they are having quite

However, the National Council for Educational Technology (NCET) advises schools to avoid a commitment to the Internet if there is no staff member with a burning interest in the technology. It says that more than 2,000 schools and colleges have a connection, mostly through the main two providers. BT

adult debates."

medium. They just become and RM. Roger Blamire, manincredibly confident not just in ager of superhighway projects ager of superhighway projects at NCET, says: "It depends where the school is in its development plan and whether it has the interest of staff to take the initial thrust. There is

no point in forcing it on them.
We suggest getting someone in the school to have a watching brief, possibly by giving them a machine at home, so the enthusiasm becomes grassroots."

He added: "Despite all the hype for the Internet it is actually quite slow and does not really have much dedicated material on it for schools. It is for the tolerant and confident user at the moment."

Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, this week set up a project to look into the benefits of the Internet, which will run alongside its broader investigation into superhighways. including video-conferencing. The Government's belief in

the future role of the Internet was shown by another announcement by Mr Squire that the Education Department was funding a "virtual languages" centre, bringing together material from Eu-

rope, Canada and Japan. However, schools thinking of setting up their own link are advised to consider the financial implications, even of a single modern link, which has

forced Walthamstow to limit the time girls can spend on the computer. Even although it is moving to a local telephone link, the cost of several-hourlong local calls soon adds up.

The Labour Party has pledged that every school will have access to the Internet. which may encourage some wary schools to wait before committing themselves to the information technology revo-

One thing is certain from Walthamstow's experience — the Internet brings all sorts of benefits and changes to the classroom. Mrs Johnson says: "I think it is more than acceptable for a girl to sit down and teach a teacher how to do it and it is extremely good for their self-esteem. There will always be students who are better than staff."

## The sour aftertaste of cherry-picking

How selection of pupils at 11 can have a domino effect on other schools

Darental protests and ac-Parations of social engineering have followed the rush by schools in a corner of north London to select pupils on special ability, David Charter writes.

The Barnet area is two years down the road of an experiment in selection of the kind made easier this week by Gillian Shephard, Education and Employment Secretary.

Mrs Shephard proposes to scrap the ban on comprehensive schools interviewing pu-pils and their parents for a place. She also wants to increase the limit on the number of children admitted on a test of ability from 10 to 15 per cent. Pupils in Barnet already

face a battery of tests for the

most popular schools because

one school after another has

moved towards greater selec-

tivity. Change in admissions

policy has been swift. Head

teachers and governors were anxious not to be left behind, fearing that those which resisted would end up as sink schools for the pupils nobody else wanted. Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School went fully selective last

September, to match the single-sex grammar education offered to girls at The Henrietta Barnett School. Other schools have followed, using the freedom of grant-maintained status, despite an outcry from parents.

Dame Alice Owen School in nearby Potters Bar now selects nearly half its pupils through testing, with a further 10 per cent on musical or sporting ability. Hendon School, which takes 10 per cent of pupils onmusical ability, won govern-ment approval in November



to test all applicants and give a quarter of its places to bright pupils, half to those of middle ability and a quarter to low ability. The first tests take place at the weekend for 450 children competing for 200

nology. Mr Lloyd added: "If we did

Kenzie Barker, a music student at Hendon School

Bob Lloyd, Hendon School head teacher, said: "We decided the only way to maintain a comprehensive intake was to introduce a means of testing all the pupils and to admit them in proportion to a nor-mal distribution of ability."

He said the actions of neighbouring schools left Hendon with no choice. Mill Hill County High School, which is grant-maintained, takes 10 per cent on musical ability and has applied to take 30 per cent more on aptitude for tech-

not do this we would end up as a secondary modern school. Schools must realise it is no good sitting back watching others take your most able

Barnet council, fearing the brightest pupils are being siphoned off, has formed a working party of head teachers, including some from grant-maintained schools, to see if it can somehow change admissions policies to retain a

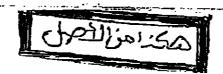
the nine local authority

Anne Jarvis, Barnet's chair-woman of education, said: "Effective planning has been sahotaged and you end up with schools which already have a lower proportion of able pupils being put on a downward slide."

Jenny Brown, a member of a parents' protest group, said: "Parents are increasingly worried their child might not be

what the school wants." She added: "Because of these moves by Mill Hill County High, other schools in the borough have panicked and we are now facing a domino effect."

Martin Dannell, chairman of governors at Mill Hill, said: We are doing this to remain comprehensive. There is no doubt the top end of our intake has been affected by other full academic and social mix at schools selecting."



## Insurable interest in property

Glengate-KG Properties Ltd v Norwich Union Fire Insur-ance Society Ltd and Others Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Auld and Sir Iain Glidewell Judgment December 21

The phrase "the interest of the insured in the property" in a material damage proviso in a consequential loss insurance policy did not cover an insurable interest which was not a personal property interest of the insured. The Court of Appeal so held by a majority (Sir lain Glidewell dissenting), when inter alia dismissing an appeal by the first defendants, the Norwick Union

Fire Insurance Society Ltd. from the decision of Mr Justice Phillips made on July 7, 1994 and revised on February 2, 1995. The action had been brought by the plaintiffs, Glengate KG Prop-

erties Ltd. against Norwich Union, the second defendants, Scottish Union and National Insurance Co. who had been dismissed by the judge from the action, and the third defendants, Lowndes Lambert UK Ltd. who were the

In March 1985 the plaintiffs purchased the former Bourne & Hollingsworth department store building in Oxford Street, London, for redevelopment into a complex of offices and retail outlets to be

The plaintiffs took out a consequential loss insurance pol-icy with the first defendants which stipulated that if "any building or other property or any part thereof used by the insured at the premises described in the Schedule hereto for the purpose of the business suffers damage other than by an excluded cause (it would) pay to the insured the amount of loss resulting from interruption of or interference with the business carried on by the insured at the premises item insured was defined as being the anticipated rent which was stated to be £10,950,000. The

maximum indemnity period was stated to be 36 months. The insurance effected by the consequential loss policy was, however, subject to the proviso that "at the time of the happening of the damage there shall be in force . . . an insurance covering the interest of the insured in the property at the premises against

such damage..."
The plaintiffs wished the development to proceed with as little delay as possible. It was therefore agreed that a temporary office should be established on the first floor of the redevelopment which could be used as a team base by the architects, Archer, Boxer and Partners, as well as by the other professional advisers who were

In September 1985 a serious fire broke out at the site and the vast majority of the drawings in the architects' office at the team base were destroyed, as was much of the were destroyed, as was much of the temporary office itself. The destruction of the architects' drawings led to inevitable delay which the plaintiff asserted resulted in a substantial loss of rental income.

Following the fire it came to lieb that although the architects had insured their drawing boards and other equipment, the work in progress had not been insured allegedly due to an oversight by the broker instructed by the architects. The plaintiffs then made a claim against the first defendants under the consequential loss policy. The claim was disputed and the plain-

tiffs brought proceedings.

Mr Roger Ter Haar, QC and Mr
James Holdsworth for the first
defendants; Mr Charles Falconer. QC and Mr Andrew Moran for the plaintiffs; Mr Jeremy Cooke, QC and Mr Dominic Kendrick for the third defendants.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the most difficult question in the case was whether the plaintiffs had "an interest" in the architects" drawings within the meaning of the proviso in the consequential loss policy. The judge had held that they did not. it was argued in support of the appeal that in the context the word

interest" in the proviso meant an insurable interest and that the plaintiffs clearly had an insurable interest in the architects' drawings. His Lordship had come to the conclusion that the judge was right. In the course of the hearing the court had been referred to a number of cases which demonstrated that a person might have an "insurable interest" in property even though he was not the owner.

contractual licence to use property But those cases and others clearly showed that the word "interest" in the context of insurance could have more than one meaning. It could mean any "insurable interest" in the wide ense used by Mr Justice Lawrence in Lucena v Craufurd ((1806) 2 B &

Persons having such an insurable interest included persons having a

P 269, 302). But it could also mean an insurable interest of a more limited the present case the judge came to the conclusion that as the archi-tects drawings were not property in which the plaintiffs had a personal interest the proviso did

not apply.

Mr Anthony Colman, QC, was correct when in his judgment in The Mounacre (1992) 2 Lloyd's Rep 501) he said that Anderson y Morice (f1875) LR 10 CP 609: f1876) App Cas 713), a sale of goods case, fell into that category of case in which the assured's relation to the goods was not such as to confer on him a sufficient certainty of benefit from their preservation or to impose upon him any certain exposure to the risk of liability in

respect of their loss.
But the position would be dif-ferent if at the time of the loss the insured already had rights in respect of the insured goods which might be affected if the goods were lost or damaged. In the event of such loss or damage he might lose the profits from a forward sale for which a contract had already been

He could insure against that loss of profits if he had rights in existence at the time of the loss of the goods, and it could be said that he had an insurable interest in the goods in the wider sense explained Mr Justice Lawrence in Lucena But in his Lordship's view, the right to insure against the loss of profits did not mean that the buyer had an "interest in the property" in

the sense contemplated by the

material damage proviso.

His Lordship had come to the conclusion that in the context the reference to "interest" in the pro-viso was a reference to an interest in the narrower sense. The plain-tiffs had no such interest in the architects' drawings, even though they might have a licence to use the designs and might one day have acquired the property in the

At the time of the fire the drawings were the property of the architects and in his Lordship's judgment it was the architects responsibility to replace them if destroyed. The plaintiffs were under no obligation to insure the architects' drawings themselves. SIR IAIN GLIDEWELL,

enting, said that it was a fundamental principle of in-surance law that a person who had personal property interest this nevertheless have an insurable interest in property. Indeed he must have such an interest to be entitled to insure the property. The definition given by Mr Justice Lawrence in Lucena included but

erty interest.

The issue for the court's decision

was whether "the interest of the insured in the property" within the proviso included an interest which was not a personal property in-terest. In disagreement with Lord Justice Neill, his Lordship could see no reason why it should not. The phrase in its context in a

policy of insurance covered what-ever interest the insured had, including an insurable interest which was not a personal interest. His Lordship did not find that the authorities cited to the court on that issue led to a contrary conclusion, or indeed were of much assistance. The plaintiffs dearly had an

interest in the architects' drawings.

They therefore had an insurable interest in the drawings and could themselves have insured the drawings.
Alternatively, they could have

required the architects themselves to take out such insurance, which vould have satisfied the proviso In the absence of any such in-surance, however, it was his Lordship's judgment that the pro-viso applied and was not satisfied. Lord Justice Auld delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Neill.

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# Court cannot accept undertaking

In re B (a Minor) (Supervi-sion order: Parental undertaking) Before Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Bennett

Judgment December 21]

County courts had no jurisdiction to accept undertakings from the parent of a child who was the subject of an application for a supervision order made under ection 31 of the Children Act 1989. The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the guard-ian ad titem and a local authority from the decision of Judge Goldstone sitting in Watford County Court on May 18, 1995 whereby he made a supervision order in respect of a child on certain

undertakings given by the mother. The local authority had applied for a care order in respect of the 1989 Act with a care plan which proposed the removal of the child from the care of his mother for rement with short term foster parents and subsequent placement with long term foster parents with or without the possibility of adoption.

The judge was satisfied that the child was likely to suffer signifi-cant harm if no order were made under section 31 but decided that he should make a supervision order rather than a care order. He ordered the local authority to

### Pay now sue later clause is valid

Marchant and Eliot Underwriting Ltd v Higgins

The "pay now, sue later" clause in the standard agency agreement between a Lloyd's name and his anaging agents was valid and did not breach article 85 of the Treaty of Rome.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Leggant, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Roch) so held in a reserved judgment on December 21 dismissing the appeal of Dr Andrew Higgins against the de-cision of Mr Justice Rix on October 24, 1995, giving summary judg-ment for the plaintiffs, Marchant and Eliot Underwriting Ltd. in the sum of £6,000 with costs for their claim in respect of cash calls on the defendant in respect of the 1990

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the action was to enforce

a name's obligation to make funds available to his managing agent so as to enable valid claims to be met on policies that he had underwritten. That did not involve the

carrying out of an unlawful agreement or the implementation of an unlawful arrangement. The obligation to pay debts was as old as commerce. The court did not see how competition between agents could affect trade between EU member states. Managing agents at Lloyd's

were in competition with each other but not, in relation to those they represented, with agents out-side Lloyd's. Without some form of pay now. sue later obligation, Lloyd's could not function. If the defendant were to succeed it would destroy the

ability of Lloyd's to provide insurance and would destroy Lloyd's

supervise the child for 12 months and directed that certain conditions be attached to the order.

The supervision order also connamed the undertaking of the mother (i) to take the child to his school on time and to notify the school of any illness, (ii) to seek such treatment as might be recommended to her by the psychiatrist or medical unit at her local general hospital or such other hospital as might be recommended by her general practitioner, and (iii) to authorise the doctor to provide the local authority with details of her

ment of one senior social worker. Miss Elizabeth Ann Gumbel for the guardian ad litem and the local authority; Mr William Holland for LORD JUSTICE NEILL said

that it was submitted by Miss Gumbel that the judge had no power to make a supervision order in the terms of the order of May 18. 1995 and that in any event the judge was wrong to make a supervision order on the evidence before the court.

Miss Gumbel's principal submission on the jurisdiction point was that the judge had no power either to require or to accept an undertaking proffered on behalf of

In his Lordship's judgment, an undertaking was a promise to the court which was capable of being enforced by the court by way of proceedings for contempt if the undertaking was broken. The punishment for contempt might include a sentence of imprisonment or a fine.

An injunction was an order upon a litigant to do or refrain from doing any act and the consequences of breach were the same as those for breach of an undertaking.

In Hussain v Hussain ([1986] Fam 134, 139) Sir John Donaldson. Master of the Rolls, had considered the relationship between an injunction and an undertaking and in Roberts v Roberts (1990) FCR 837, 839) Lord Justice Butler-Sloss had said that it was important for parties in matrimonial disputes to appreciate that an undertaking had all the force of an

It was also apparent that the enforcement provisions for an undertaking were the same as those for an injunction; see Order 29, rule I and rule IA of the County Court Rules Moreover, the general form of undertaking set out in Form N117 contained a warning

that a consequence of a breach of an undertaking might be imprisonment for contempt.

It was therefore clear that for the purposes of enforcement an under-taking stood on an equal footing with an injunction. It was also to be remembered that a county court had no inherent jurisdiction to grant an injuction to protect child-ren: see D v D (Child case: Powers of court (1994 3 FCR 28) and In re S and D (Children: Powers of court) ([1995] 2 FLR 456).

It followed therefore that, as a county court had no inherent jurisdiction to grant injunctions, it could have no inherent jurisdiction to accept undertakings in care proceedings. Nor could a county court accept

undertakings as part of a super-vision order. Part 1 of Schedule 3 made no provision for undertak ings. As Lord Justice Waite had explained in In re V (a Minor) (unreported. June 13, 1994) the only sanction for an infringement of the terms of a supervision order was that it enabled the supervisor to return to the court.

His Lordship was therefore satisfied that Miss Gumbel was right. The judge was not entitled to accept undertakings from the mother, even though she was quite villing to give them. The supervision order was therefore defective in that respect.

Miss Gumbel had other criti-cisms of the form of the supervision order. She pointed out, quite rightly, that a requirement to submit to any medical or psychiatric examination as directed by the supervisor could only be made in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 and could not be made under paragraph 2.

In those circumstances his Lordship was satisfied that the supervision order could not stand in its present form. Accordingly, it was necessary to consider Miss

Gumbel's further arguments. She submitted that the undertakings and the conditions were essential parts of the judge's order and that it was impossible to say whether, had the judge realised he could not accept the undertakings. he would have made a supervision order at all.

His Lordship had come to the conclusion, however, that on a fair reading of the judge's judgment he had ruled out of consideration, as plainly not being in the child's interest, his removal from the mother. It was quite clear that the judge thought and indeed found that it would be wholly contrary to

The scales had not just tipped in layour of a supervision order but had come down completely against a care order. It was to be noted that the judge found that the risk of

His Lordship was accordingly satisfied that, had the judge had pointed out to him, which it was not, that he was not empowered to accept undertakings, nevertheless he would have made a supervision order albeit taking into account the mother's agreement to undergo

His Lordship therefore turned to Miss Gumbel's other main submission, namely, that in any event the judge was plainly wrong because his findings were wholly against the weight of the evidence. His Lordship had come to the conclusion that the judge was entitled to find that the mother's rather fragile stability had been upset by the the legal proceedings and that she had been subjected to

The supervision order would have to be looked at again in a few months time. His Lordship did not find it possible to say, however, that the making of the supervision order was plainly wrong, nor was the case one where the court should interfere with the judge's decision on any other ground Nevertheless the supervision order must be amended.

It seemed to his Lordship that at present it would be right that the mother's agreement to seek medical treatment should be recorded in a preamble in the supervision order so that if the mother failed to honour her agreement that failure could be brought to the attention of the court in due course. It would also be appropriate to record her further agreement to authorise her psychiatrist to provide the local authority with details of her treatment. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Mr Justice Bennett agreed. Solicitors: Matthew Arnold & Baldwin, Watford: Mr W. J. Church, Hernford: Pollards, Boreham Wood.

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damage to the child under a care order far outweighed the risks that would be taken by making a supervision order.

the junior counsel for the mother was Mr Adam Wilson.

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THEATRE 2

.. while Henrik Ibsen's A Doll's House is intelligently staged in a fringe festival



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Furore in Perth: Scottish hackles are raised over plans to demolish the city hall

## Loose outfit well suited to every style

Ven in the current British jazz scene, unprecedentedly unprecedentedly hospitable as it is to all manner of musical styles. the saxophonist Julian Arguelles is something of a

His openness to the plethora of rhythms and textures found in contemporary pop, dance and world musics marks him out even from fellow alumni of Loose Tubes, the 1980s big band which was a byword for such adventurous musical

The instrumentation of the quartet Arguelles presented to a warmly appreciative Vortex audience on this occasion flagged his intentions from the off. In front of his drummer brother Steve, whose own projects are as likely to touch on calypso or country and western as on jazz, he had Oren Marshall on tuba and assorted electronics, and Alex Lewis, a man capable of producing a star-tling variety of keyboard

Their music began, appropriately enough, with the purest, most elemental of sounds: a wooden flute floating over a growling tuba drone, punctuated by sudden resonating crashes from Steve Arguelles's hand-held gongs. In time, however, a thythm emerged on cymbal and side-drums, and Julian Arguelles switched to skirling tenor to bring the piece, called Owl. slowly to the boil.

A hymn, Gustav Holst's In the Bleak Midwinter, followed, drawing an affecting, keening earnestness from the leader's tenor for the stately theme, and a fullthroated sonorousness from

Julian Arguelles Quartet Vortex, N16

him in the succeeding im-

provisation upon it.
Three originals followed. two - the jaunty soprano piece Hix and the tenor ballad First Escapade taken from Julian Arguelles's latest album Home Truths. The other, Skull Video, was an extraordinary confection of industrial electronic noise and majestic, swirling tenor all set to a pounding rhythm that owed as much to contemporary jungle music as to lazz.

The quarter's second set was equally imaginative, juxtaposing folkish. John Surman-like soprano meditations; sinister washes of multitextured sound ranging from high-frequency shrieking to deep tuba rumblings, and the odd perky harmonised theme played simultaneously on two

The closing piece, Steve Arguelles's Don't Tell Me Now, featuring a straightforward driving tenor sax over a funky, percussive shuffle beat, was almost shockingly conventional by comparison, but it drew a lengthy and richly deserved ovation from the club's typically enthusiastic and discerning audience. Overall, they and I agreed, this was a superb-

CHRIS PARKER

# Sex, please, we're British

parently crazy about flamenco — and so, almost as much, are the British, Companies led by Antonio, by Carmen Amaya and by José Greco came and wowed the British between the 1940s and 1960s. Then followed a lull until, ten years ago, the Cumbre Flamenca troupe, directed by Francisco Sánchez, began its regular visits to this country and ignited enthusiasm again, producing packed-out seasons at Sadier's Wells.

Will Sanchez repeat his success with his new group? Corazón Flamenco — the heart of flamenco — is a wonderful name, since from the heart comes pulse, life and feeling which are also the essence of flamenco. But where Sánchez's old company aimed simply to offer the pinnacle (cumbre) of flamenco in a straightforward format of dance and song numbers, Corazón Flamenco appears to have more complex ambitions.

What should flamenco be? Cabaret schlock for tourists? A glossy virtuosic display for opera houses? Or should it return to its purer, humbler café days of the 19th century? Sánchez is probably a tradi-

tionalist at heart, who prefers to discard commercially prettified costume and the later introduction of castanets. But I suspect he also believes that flamenco must evolve in order to stay alive. He surely accepts that it has become sophisticated, technically brilliant theatre. It is no longer the exclusive domain of Andalusian gypsies, having been embraced by ballet-trained youngsters of varied origins such as some of his own

Corazón Flamenco Sadler's Wells

And he probably sees the first half of the programme he has created as treading a littleexplored narrative path although in fact flamenco and stories have been linked before, if you think of Manuel de Falla's El amor brujo (1915) and the Antonio Gades-Carlos Saura film Carmen, which comes in its stage form to Sadler's Wells in May.

> **6** Should flamenco return to its purer days? **9**

Alas, Noche de Santiago. the drama of an illicit love affair during the Andalusian festival of the night of July 25-26 (St James's Night), makes a tedious opener, lacking pace and curiously muted. A programme note declares that any self-respecting director should make the action clear without resort to a synopsis or the help of the accompanying songs which, sung in Andalusian dialect, are reportedly incomprehensible even to

But the piece fails to project its points through its imagery and, for me, toppled into ambiguity at the crucial climax, leaving me unsure whether it was the husband or lover who shot the woman. After the interval the ghastly

resonant amplification that

voices seemed to have sorted itself out, and the auditorium temperature warmed palpably as we realised we were back in the reassuring territory of the familiar Cumbre Flamenca approach.

Manuela Carrasco, opulent and statuesque, built paroxysms of footbeats in the desolate laments of a siguiriya; then, clad in sensational white, she absorbed herself in the proud, meditative sorrow of soled, concluding with her arms extended magnificently in a crucifix and exiting in slow-motion, stately profile,

like the figurehead of a ship.
José Fernández, willowy. mannered and resplendent in a hectically patterned waist-coat, brought his unique style to an alegrias, rectilinear arms jerking up as conclusions to passages of footwork, as though throwing away bundles of his inner anguish. And Susi sang cantes de Levante with the soul-piercing grainy Arabic voice that has earned her the sobriquet La Camarona, after the celebratflamenco singer El Camerón.

So it became evident that flamenco needs to allow performers to reveal their individual personalities if it is to touch its audience and avoid monotony. The young, elfin Ana Soler and Arturo Aguilar, who had seemed so attenuated as the lovers in Noche de Santiago, seemed this time to click together, invisible emotional threads binding them in

their bulerias duet. The curtain fell, the audience clamoured for more. Is it the very un-Englishness of this intense expression of pain, joy and sexuality that appeals to

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tive as patronising and imbut needs to drive home the Alison Brown's production, transferring from Camden's domineering possessiveness underlying his pet endear-ments of "little squirrel" and Etcetera Theatre to the BAC's "I Wish I'd Seen That" fringe revival season, is most arrest-ing in its final moments. "songbird". Cathy Rakoff's Kristine, Nora's work-hard-Overall, though above par, the ened former classmate, could staging does not convey all of sharpen up her bitter com-Ibsen's psychologically subtle

But really it is the gentlemen Richard Trahair's Torvald, callers - skirting over the sketchy housemaids - who let here not obviously older than his wife, is convincingly tactile the side down. Torvald's

friend, the terminally ill Dr Rank (Martin Hyder), is short on dry humour and hardly shows a flicker of sexual interest before declaring his burning passion for Nora. Meanwhile, Nora's menacing creditor Nils Krogstad (Mark Gillis) seems more embarrassed than potently

manipulative.
Nevertheless, Julia Stubbs takes a strong line on Nora. portraying her as already unstable, curling her wrists inwards as if almost clinically retarded. Her nervous breath-

Starting in this state does breakdown as Krogstad's grip on her reputation tightens, and this Nora's ungroomed appearance makes her attempt at playing the seductive belle seem out of character.

However Stubbs conveys inse-

curity and selfish thoughtless-

ness with forceful innocence. Brown's naturalistic set admirably amasses, no doubt on a piggy-bank budget, a full parlour's-worth of fine yet claustrophobically sombre furnishings. And the theatre's illuminated exit signs overhead look increasingly meaningful as our heroine toys with suicide and finally slams the front door behind her.

KATE BASSETT

# Persian tale rudely interrupted

THE historical bit, certainly strange to me, is the life and death (in 1850) of the Bab, a young Persian regarded by his disciples as a messiah, whose preachings lie behind the foundation of the Baha'i faith. His story is approached, along a singularly oblique route, in the first of two 60-minute solo performances by Omid Djalili, a

concludes with startling bold-

ness, questioning society's

moral creeds and walking out on her children and Torvald,

her not so much fondly protec-

prisoning husband.

comic actor born A Strange Bit in London of of History Iranian parents. Growing up to think of himself as short, fat and

looking like a kebab-shop owner's son, he disarmingly calls the second, autobiographical half of the show Short Fat Kebab-Shop Owner's Son.

The drapes are black, the

edges of the stage are black. Djalili wears a loose black shirt and trousers, but the wall behind him is a four-part screen, usually rose-red, onto which random illustrations of the 19th century are projected and against which Djalili hops, skips and whirls his arms, or stands in portly

profile as the lights go down.
The story of the Bab is the all too familiar one of a man who preaches tolerance, honesty and peace, and is there-fore hunted down and executed by the religious authorities of his day, along with some 20,000 of his followers.

whose days are occupied beheading the heretics but who one day sees the captured Bab face to face. The piece has been written by Annabel Knight, who also directs, and she and

tale like a shaggy dog story, where the shape is hard to discern until the last few Riverside, W6 While

scenes at an English tea party may contribute to the historical background, they really seem included so that Djalili can show his lightning-quick role changes between orientalist, colonel and society lady. He does this skilfully, turning fan into swagger stick, military frown into simper.

But the other batch of non-Persian scenes gives us, of all things, a modern Mersey poet reciting his banal stuff in a spotlight. There may be a connection between this and Baha'i teaching but I couldn't locate it. What I wanted Djalili to do was continue the tale of the Executioner, who memorably describes the Bab's voice as "rich, deep and unbearable, somehow," while staring out at us with an expression of

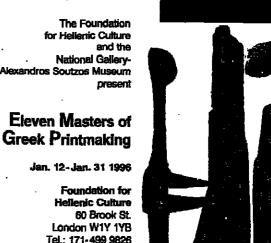
appailed wonder. His account of growing up

Most unexpectedly, Djalili's as an Iranian in the 1970s has viewpoint on these events is that of the chief executioner mimicry is mostly spot-on its amusing moments, and his mimicry is mostly spot-on — in one short sketch exactly catching the vocal rhythm of an Arab employer, a Pakistani greengrocer and an impatient Nigerian in the queue. But his material needs to be much

tighter, and the spoof British

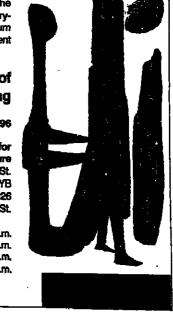
film noir doesn't work at all. He is a likeable entertainer, nonetheless, and cleverly mimes a magic show, but his executioner confronting the Bab hints at emotional depths which he is, as yet, only momentarily reaching.

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The imaginative sequencing and skilful editing together of the tracks to produce a virtually seamless listening experience is impressive. Unlikely connections are forged between, for instance, the 1970s jazz-fusion of Herbie Hancock's Rain Dance and the 1990s ambient-techno sound of Aphex Twin's Analogue Bubblebath 1, and there is the most wonderful sequence when the gruff, ululating voice of a Yanomami rainforest shaman melts into the opening piano motif of Harold Budd's delicate Bismillahi 'Rrahmani 'Rrahim. Elsewhere the repetitive minimalism of Erik Satie's composition Vexations contrasts with the complex vocal dynamics of a short Beach Boys' piece called Fall Breaks and Back Into Winter.

As a vehicle for illustrating Toop's point - that there is a hidden world of music within the sounds that are occurring around us all the time, and that these sounds help to shape and determine our notions of what music actually is -Ocean of Sound functions magnificently. Both timely and scholarly, it is an album that could alter the way in which you perceive music itself.

increasingly recognised instead as some-

thing of a role model for a younger

Rising (Capitol 8 35817) CAST less often these days as that wailing woman who drove a wedge between John Lennon and the other Beatles, and

Yoko Ono has not released a new solo album for a decade or so. She is now 62. and to judge from Rising it has been 20 years since she last listened to modern popular music with any great interest.

But her enthusiasm for confronting demons, both inner and external, remains undiminished and, despite the album's dependence on quaint generic pop-funk riffs and piano ballads, this is a passion-ate and at times moving account of her innermost fears, hopes and struggles.

Undertaken initially as a soundtrack for Ron Destro's play Hiroshima, many of the numbers were inspired by her harrowing memories of life in Japan during and after the Second World War. Notwithstanding the apocalyptic imagery of Warzone and the extended gargling routine of the 14-minute title track, the

majority of the songs are pithy and poetic. Accompanied by her son Sean Lennon and his fledgeling group IMA, she sings of her growing sense of isolation on Turned the Corner and poses some suitably Big Questions on Where Do We Go From Here. At its best — as when she sings Will I to the sound of a single, looped note set against the ticking of a clock - the album is stark, simple and surprisingly affecting.

**BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN** AND OTHERS Dead Man Walking (Columbia 483534)

FEATURING music not only "from" but also "inspired by" the film in question (directed by Tim Robbins and starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn), Dead Man Walking boasts an impressive haul of new compositions by artists including Lyle Lovett, Steve Earle, Mary Chapin arpenter and Michelle Shocked.

The bleak nature of the film, which explores the moral dilemma of a Catholic nun whose loyalties are torn between a convicted murderer and his victim's relatives, doubtless explains the unremittingly sombre tone of most songs. For Bruce Springsteen, currently on a te-diously earnest folk jag, it's ideal. His title track is exactly the dirge you would expect, while Patti Smith (Walkin Blind) and Suzanne Vega (Woman On The Tier) are two of the more striking voices amid the general chorus of despair.

There are, however, welcome traces of black humour amid the funereal rum-blings of Torn Waits and Johnny Cash. But it is left to the unlikely partnership of Pakistani singer Nusret Fateh Ali Khan and Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam to provide both album and film with a genuinely distinctive musical core

ST ETIENNE DAHO Reserection

(Virgin 7243 8 93070) IN A week of challenging, cross-cultural collaborations, the strangest has to be the entente cordiale between French cult crooner Etienne Daho and synth-pop scenesters St Etienne from Croydon.







Having spotted the potential for a uniquely stylish name, the participants quickly joined up the musical dots and voila! the world is blessed with four-and-a-half-track EP of Anglo-Gallic pop full of artful poise.

Accident (better known as He's on the Phone), which is sung by St Etienne's Sarah Cracknell, has its charm. But Daho overpowers the sub-Stone Roses groove of Jungle Pulse and the pop ballad Le Baiser Français with his suspiciously smooth patter and breathy ardour.

Ambient warriors: (Top) the Beach Boys; (above left) the Aphex Twin: (above right) Claude Debussy

#### TOP TEN ALBUMS P..... Oasis (Creation) Robson & Jerome (RCA) Pulp (Island) (What's the Story) Morning Glory?.. Robson & Jerome. Different Class ..... Michael Jackson (Epic) ..... Boyzone (Polydor) ... Madonna (Maverick) Said and Done Something to Remember Made in Heaven ..... Queen (Parlophone The Memory of Trees .. Епуа (WEA) Power of a Woman

Alanis Morissette (Maverick)

## Just gimme some truth

Billy Joel got at least one thing right - honesty is such a lonely word, especially in the pop world

happened last week — unusual for the music industry, that is, where everything is planned and expected at least six months in advance. Michael Eavis. organiser of the Glastonbury Festival, announced that there would be no Glastonbury this year, as he wanted to rest his land, and concentrate on running as a Labour candidate in the local elections. He felt he couldn't give his full efforts to either cause if he in-

dulged in both, and has therefore called off the week-long celebration of falafel dominated by sunburnt. grubby men called lan wearing jester hats and drinking scrumpy What an extraordinary move — someone telling the truth.

and realising the limits of their abilities. Imagine caught on . George Michael would have admitted, in all the publicity around the release of his new single Jesus to a Child, that he'd simply been too busy, what with the court case against Sony, the planning involved in growing his new beard and everything, to write a tune. "It's got a picture of me on the cover, and the B-side is

an acoustic demo of me

doing Wham Rap!, but

there's nothing hummable.

Robbie Williams, formerly of Take That, would revoke all his previous quotes about his joy over Take That breaking America. and admit he was absolutely gutted, and rather wished he'd just bitten his lip and stuck in there, as he'd have private helicopters and the freedom of

And Axl Rose of Guns N' Roses would admit that his stage name - hilariously enough, an anagram of "Oral Sex" — was amusing when he thought of it. aged 16; but now, at the age of 31.

omething unpredicted he feels slightly foolish when people call him "Axl", and he wants to revert to his real name of William.

The pop world has always been a very silly one: grown women and men pretending to be "hard" and "cool" onstage, when in reality they have sniffly colds, and would rather be the home defining Harlisks. at home drinking Horlicks and watching old videos of Casualty. But it becomes depressing when the public is expected to believe that every single will be greater and poppier than the one

before: that every album is a progression and will sell more than the last: and that two pop stars are always better than one.

This simply isn't the truth. It's not truthful to say that Michael **CAITLIN** Jackson's career **MORAN** has been one huge artistic line

going straight up, and that Black or White was better than Thriller, and that Earth Song is better than Black or White. It quite clearly isn't - it's a hysterical man stomping around bellowing What about Africa/Bosnia too?/What about the animals?" in the most wretched display of No. Really You're Being Too Subtle since Madonna's Sex.

And pop-stars duets are never better than just one pop star on their own -Aretha Franklin and Annie Lennox waiting over each other on Sisters are Doing it for Themselves was excruciating. Annie should have heeded her own lyrics, and just done it by herself.

And the public would love it, I'm sure, if Jarvis Cocker came out and said: "Well. our next single's really not as good as Common People. you can only write song that good once a year, and you should all wait for the next album." Then we'd all know where we stood. and wouldn't think Pulp's career was over when the single peaked at 32.

## Wild horses drag rock into the country

R aul Malo has a pet phrase. The lead singer of the Mavericks is fond of asking "Why not?" When one ponders the formatchallenging, genre-straddling success of America's honest country band, the only possible response is another ques-

Who ever heard of a country band coming from Florida with a second generation Cuban for a frontman? What odds would you get against four friends who started out playing bar gigs for bemused bikers winding up as the Country Music Association's reigning Vocal Group of the Year? And what about that page in Nashville's etiquette manual that states, in large type, that Country Bands Must Not Fraternise With Rock Audiences?
The Mavericks have made

conferti of the manual with a series of albums in which their love of both rock'n roll icons and easy listening crooners has produced a meaningful and happy marriage. One in which the ghosts of Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison live on the same block as Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, and meet for a long-playing party at the Country Music Hall of Fame with Eddy

Arnold and Buck Owens. In the past year, numerous extra-curricular activities have shown that this is a country act with a different agenda from the guys with big hats and bad moustaches. The Mavericks appeared on the tribute album to Southern rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd, contributed True Love Ways to a forthcoming Buddy Holly tribute, and got their version of Blue Moon on to the soundtrack of Apollo 13. Malo even co-wrote and sings on a track on an impending album by Neil Diamond. But then this is the man who happily tells you: "I enjoy Ray **Paul Sexton** meets those hard-blasting, easy-listening, award-winning Nashville twangers, the Mavericks



Everyone's invited to the Mavericks' party - including Elvis, Ray Conniff and Buck Owens

Conniff records as much as Alanís Morissette records."

It's a cross-pollination that reaches a new level on the current Mavericks album, Music for all Occasions, in which the word "retro" becomes a compliment again. Last Sunday in Dublin, the Mavericks opened their first full-scale European tour with a show at the Olympia that set music back about 40 years. If there is a more unpretentiously enjoyable concert in 1996, I look forward to it. Here were tales both old and new of empty glasses and broken hearts: classics like Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down and Make the World Go Away and group compositions such as Missing You, Here Comes the

Rain, and the show-stopping I Should Have Been True, the best song Roy Orbison never recorded. Not to mention a helping of Jambalaya and a splendid Guantanamera. And all because, Malo says, the Mavericks are still in this

for the laughs. "If 'retro' means let's have some fun, then why not?" he says, giving his catchphrase another airing. "We watch a lot of old footage on the bus, and there's an episode of Johnny Caron where Dean Martin, Joey Bishop and Bob Hope are on the show, and they re all drunk as hell, they're all smoking ... If you were to do that now, you'd be in serious trouble. We've become so concerned about

being politically correct that we can't do or say a damned

thing anymore.
"Part of our own little mission is hey, just relax. I don't know of any artist who's curing cancer, or saved humanity. I'm as involved as the next artist in charitable affairs, but to take your work so seriously is kind of a travesty. it's just music, and we're lucky

to be doing it." Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the Mavericks' steady rise is the extent to which they have maintained such a distinctly rock in roll outlook on their life and work. yet still been embraced by the Nashville establishment. hardly renowned for its openmindedness. The fact that

bassist Robert Reynolds is married to country demi-goddess Trisha Yearwood is no hindrance, but in previous instances of an artist challenging certain genre rules — as k.d. lang discovered — the state of Tennessee has responded with a forceful "Not today, thank you".

10 Jagged Little Pill.

"I saw footage of the CMA Awards". Malo says, "and we pretty much look like a bunch of freaks compared to every body else. That's not something we planned, it's just the way we are." But it did not stop the Mavericks from leaving country's gala night last October with their trophy.

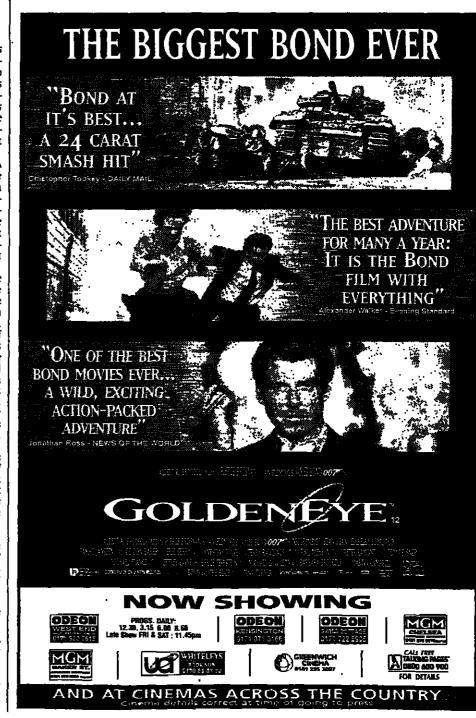
Some three years ago, the group left Miami and made Nashville their home. "I have a lot of good friends in Nashville;" Malo says. There's a very cool segment of the industry there. Miami was getting out of hand, and we realised early on we could either stay there and play for a couple hundred bucks a week in whatever club, play all night and sleep all day, or actually get up off our asses and go to work, get in a van and pay our dues.
Tell you the truth, it was

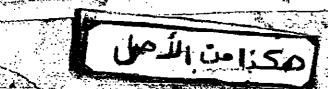
pretty risky. We didn't know if Nashville would be the right place for us. But we thought it would be good for business and, hell, if we can shake things up a bit, why not? And it's worked out great."

British audiences have five

chances to see the Mavericks' musical democracy in action later this month. Conniff fans welcome, but please, no labels.

● The Mavericks play Shepherd's Bush Empire on Jan 25 and 26. Normich University (Jan 28). Manchester University Academy (an 29) and Glasgow Royal Concert Hall (fan 30). The album Music For All Occasions is released by MCA. Here Comes the





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No talking, please: silent wonders meet for London's Mime Festival

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The Bournemouth Orchestra plays Sibelius and Tchaikovsky

VENUE: Portsmouth, Fri Bournemouth, Sun



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Manchester, tomorrow



VISUAL ART

Christie's mounts a fascinating show that portrays Brazil as early visitors saw it

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VISUAL ART: John Russell Taylor views South America through European eyes

# Colonial brush in Brazil

fascinating. for self-centred Europeans at least, in observing how other lands have been seen at first contact, interpreted and reinterpreted. The history of Brazil through European Eyes goes back, in the current exhibition at Christie's, to 1631, when João Teixeira Albernazs atlas O Estado do Brasil, mapping the whole coastline, was first published. This is a tribute to Portuguese map-

making skills, as one might expect. What one would really not expect, however, is the predominance of Dutch and Flemish painters in the area during the 17th century. But the Dutch at that period were trying to establish a presence on the mainland of South America. For a while they occupied the sugar-growing regions of Pernambu-co, and in 1637-44 Prince Maurice of Nassau-Siegen brought out a group of artists and scholars to document the

Among the artists were Frans Post, Albert Eckhout and probably Gillis Peeters, all represented in the show. Sometimes, as in Peeters's View of Recife, one would guess that the work was at least completed in Europe, and while some of Post's landscapes of coastal Brazil may have been done on the spot, his views of the interior, much in demand by Dutch buyers in love with the exotic, clearly owe more to imagination than practical observation. No doubt, like many 19th-century orientalist painters, he came home with enough material in his notebooks to last him, imaginatively supplement-

The 18th century brings in three wildly various viewpoints. For the makers of Gobelins tapestries, the "Nouvelles Indes" become a sort of Arcadian abstraction, in which the characters escape being allegorical by a hair's breadth and the flora and fauna, though presumably based on scientific sources, are acclimatised to the conventions of contemporary theatrical spectacle. Sydney Parkinson took the flora a

ed, for the rest of his life.

good deal more seriously: his graceful

ana Polyanovskava and

Irina Feoktistova, both graduates of the St Pe-



For the makers of Gobelins tapestries, such as The Fishermen, the "Nouvelles Indes" became an abstraction

botanical studies, done while he was circumnavigating the world with Cook, contrive to be both formally and scientifically exact. As for the artist thought to be Joaquim Jose de Miranda, his enthusiastic strip cartoon, chronicling in 39 panels a meeting between a government expedition and the Indians of Campos de Carrapato in 1771 has a primitive vitality all its own.

With the Romantics we are on more familiar and reliable territory. Painters

such as E.E. Shute, who painted the Paolo Afonso Falls in 1850, found an irresistible call to Sublimity, while Johann Moritz Rugendas evoked Indians shooting a jaguar with arrows as though they had stepped straight out of Paul et Virginie.

in strong contrast are the ease and elegance of Jean-Baptiste Debrer's watercolours for his Voyage Pittoresque et Historique au Bresil about social life in the towns. Humour

there is in plenty, but it is difficult to know whether social comment is lurking beneath the surface when he depicts the Return of the Naturalist's Black Assistant loaded with specimens, or shows a grandee unconcernedly urinating against a house wall while his slave diligently shades him with a parasol.

 Brazil through European Eyes is at Christie's 8 King Street, London SWI (0171-839 9060) Mon-Fri 9.30am-Spm, Sun 12 -Spm, until Jan 26

Young Russians unite Faraday Wheel, according to of frustration that flickered CONCERT across Polyanovskaya's face at the composer, a Wesleyan

been playing as a piano duo for ten years, and it shows. Not only is the ensemble perfect, but they have completely mastered the art of tightening and relaxing rhythms in unison, as well as instinctively setting fore-ground detail against background accompaniment. swapping roles imperceptibly

as the music demands. All this was evident in Rachmaninov's Suite No 2, a warm, effusive performance. utterely Romantic, So uncanny was the precision of ensemble, effected with a minimum empathised with the shadow

the one chord in the recital that was not quite together. A similar mastery was dem-

onstrated in Valery Borobikov's transcription of Schnittke's Gogol Suite, where the irony was at once entertaining and unsettling. Geoffrey Poole's The Impersonal Touch, receiving its world premiere, offered multiple opportunities for sophisticated interaction between instruments. The Russians emerged triumphant.

The pianism of the Italian Lorenzo Marasso is very difPLG Young Artists Purcell Room

ferent. No less secure technically, his playing is forceful and big-boned. Whether this was appropriate in a work that began life as a harp piece, Paul Patterson's A Tunnel of Time. is open to question; certainly the shifting colours of the toccata finale were less evident than a sense of weighty virtuosity. In Paul Robinson's The

hymn is "shredded, pulverised and aggressively processed". This seemed to suit Marasso much better, and if there were occasional flights of lyricism in that piece and Nimrod Borenstein's Suite (world premiere), there was also much of a more demonstrative nature. James MacMillan's austere Piano Sonata was suitably bleak, with bursts of glassy brilliance.

The violinist Katharine Gowers and pianist Julian Milford began their recital with Ellen Zwilich's Sonata.

There was plenty of the required spiky rhythms and incisive articulation, from more lyrical side emerged in Lutoslawski's Partita, which rose to heights of impassioned intensity. Technical accomplishment was secure here. just as a reflective otherworldly quality was present in

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# Dublin Flyer rises above adversity

By Julian Muscat

NEVER doubt a street-fighter with his back to the wall. Circumstances conspired entirely against Dublin Flyer at Wincanton yesterday, but the horse simply powered to victory in the John Bull Chase. Make no mistake, Dublin Flyer presents a formidable barrier to One Man winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup.
Dublin Flyer's dislike of

racing right-handed has been well documented, and the portents looked ominous when this habitual front-runner was left many lengths at the start. Nevertheless, he looked in control until an appalling blunder at the final ditch saw Travado, Viking Flagship and Lusty Light engulf him like a rash.

But such adversity brings out the best in him. Woe betide any horse who dares head him, as Egypt Mill Prince discovered in the Mackeson Gold Cup in November. This time Travado threw down the challenge and Dublin Flyer responded with typical brio. He drew seven lengths clear of Nicky Henderson's chaser, with Viking Flagship a disappointing eight lengths further behind.

It was a thoroughly convincing display, punctuated — that one error apart — by some quicksilver fencing. Debate will now rage on Dublin Flyer's ability to be as effective over the 314 miles of the Gold Cup, for which Coral offers a best-priced 14-1.

Brendan Powell, who rode the ten-year-old, entertained few doubts. "I can't see any reason why he shouldn't stay. One Man is a good horse but he will have to jump with me down the far side at Cheltenham." That, in a nutshell, is the challenge facing One Man. To witness him engage Dublin Flyer at Cheltenham would be a sight to behold. But the duel, if it materialises too far from home, would surely compromise both horses.

Tim Forster, who has trained Dublin Flyer with a sure hand, can hardly countenance the improvement in his charge. Indeed, the horse looked beaten when falling at the final fence in this race 12 months ago. Yet Lusty Light, the winner on that occasion, trailed home more than 15 lengths back yesterday.

Last year I thought Martha's Son was two stone in front of Dublin Flyer, Forster said. This was a fine performance. Brendan [Powell] said the horse was hanging so badly that he could hardly ride him:"

Any amount of hard riding would not have stirred Viking Flagship. Richard Dunwoody reported him some way off peak fitness but the two-mile champion chaser's crown now hangs by the slenderest of Norman Williamson re-

ceived encouraging news after a visit to his doctor. Subject to favourable X-rays on February 5, Williamson old Trophy fixture at Newbury five days later. The jockey has been out of action since breaking his right leg at Sedgefield in October. Jim Old has withdrawn Mole Board and Collier Bay

from The Ladbroke at Leopardstown tomorrow. The former's absence precipitates a minimum 13lb rise in the weights while the latter was quoted 4-1 favourite by the sponsors after his Sandown victory on Saturday.

□ Peter Easterby is to hand

over the reins of his Habton Grange stables, near Malton, to his son, Tim. Tim will have the licence to run things from February I, but I haven't handed in my own licence. Easterby said yesterday.



## Treasure Again to plunder prize

2.35: Incheailloch, fit from the Flat, beat Certainly Strong on their chasing debuts at Kempton and was sent off a short-priced favourite to repeat the feat at Sandown early last month. only to make a uncharacter-istic blunder four out. Jeff King's promising chaser is 8lb better off here and will be well backed to gain revenge. However, the winning performance of Certainly Strong at Sandown was every bit as good as that of Inchcailloch at Kempton and the likely soft ground today could swing things in her favour. Tothewoods was beaten in the Sandown race when unseating three out and Ground Nut could prove a bigger threat.

races on the bounce last season with Percy Smollett. David Nicholson is hopeful the handicapper has not caught up with his progressive chaser, for whom soft ground and right-handed courses are prerequisites. Al-though this is his seasonal reappearance, lack of fitness is not usually a problem with runners from Jackdaws Castle. In an open race, with question marks against sev-

3.05: Despite winning five



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eral runners, he looks a value option. Richard Dunwoody gave Unguided Missile a fine ride to win here a month ago but Gordon Richards's promising chaser is far from foot perfect. Dextra Dove and Edimbourg are others for the

3.35: Killone Abbot will be popular after the way he slogged through the mud to win the Gerry Feilden Hurdle at Newbury. That was over two miles but the breeding of Jim Old's runner suggests this trip should suit. Trickle Lad and Wee Windy are closely matched, but I will take a risk with Treasure Again. A leading novice last season, he looks well treated and should relish this ground and trip.

RICHARD EVANS

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1.30 Mister Oddy

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Selection: CERTAINLY STRONG

#### 3.05 HAIRY MARY HANDICAP CHASE (£12,346: 3m 110yd) (12 runners)



BETTURG: 7-2 Languaged Missile, 9-2 Desea Dove, 7-1 Edimbourg, Percy Smolled, Yorishne Gate, 8-1 Run Up Toe Pieg, Well Briefed, 10-1 Niere Class, 14-1 Colemny Boy, 16-1 Whispering Steel, 25-1 others 1996: WHISPERING STEEL, 9-11-2 N Williamson (6-4 lar) & Bailey 5 ran FORM FOCUS

UNISUADED MISSILE beat Rough Quest need in 9runner handicap classe over course and distance
(good) with YURKSHRE GALE (10th better nif)
runseated note? 2nd. PRRCY SMOLLETT beat
Toursen Prince 41 in 11-numer handicap classe at
turdiner (2nn. good) to spit on proceimmate start.
MERIC CLASS 31 3rd of 9 to Willistord in handicap
classe at Sandown (2nn 51 110)nd, good). DEUTRA
DOVE beat Fing Of Peace 51 in 7-numer handicap
classe at Cheefentham (3nn 11, good). YURKSHRE.

3.35 ROSLING KING HANDICAP HURDLE (£11,040: 3m) (14 numers)

Long handicacz Feels Like Gold 9-11. Uturu 9-9.

BETTING: 3-1 Killings Abbol, 17-2 Feels Like Sciat, 6-1 Trickle Lad. Wee Windy. 10-1 Island Jewel. Lucky Stur. 14-1 Gillan Cove, Top Spin, Tresture Again, 16-1 Johith, Sweel Glovr, 25-1 Others. 1995: CYBORGO 5-12-0 R Danwoody (4-7 tor) M Pripe 8 can.

KOLLONE ABBOT heat Mouse Birt 201 in 7-names grade il Bossoprini Geory Felicen Partile ai Newbury (2m 1 10yd, 2nth). WEE WWITCY 114 2nd of 12 to beats cold) about 21141 10th, LUCKY BLUE Setter Times Ahead in handicap hustle at Chellenham (3m 110yd, good) with THECRE LAD (3bb belter off) 154 3nd, JATHE (4bb belter off) 215 5th, 154 2nd, JATHE (2m 154 in 7-namer handicap hustle at Chellenham (3m 110yd, good) with THECRE LAD (3bb belter off) 114 in 7-namer handicap hustle at Chellenham (3m 110yd, good) with THECRE LAD (3bb belter off) 154 in 7-namer handicap hustle at Chellenham (3m 110yd, good) with THECRE LAD (3bb belter off) 154 in 7-namer handicap hustle at Chellenham (3m 110yd, good) with THECRE LAD (3bb belter off) 154 in 7-namer handicap hustle at Chellenham (3m 110yd, good) with THECRE LAD (3bb belter off) 154 in 154 i

☐ Tony McCoy, this season's leading National Hunt jockey with 97 winners, sustained a suspected broken right wrist in a fall at Wincanton yesterday. He took a heavy fall from Eastern River in the Corscombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

ASCOT: Trainers: G Richards, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%, Miss H Knight, 4 thom 15, 26.7%, S Sherwood, 4 from 16, 25.0%, O Sherwood, 4 from 16, 25.0%, O Sherwood, 4 from 16, 25.0%, M C Bonner, 4 from 13.30.8%, M Dever, 7 from 34, 20.6%, J Callaghan, 8 foods, 93.5%, I O Shorme, 32 from 109, 16 from 73, 21.9%, R Ainer 3.14.21.4%, Lockeys: C Maude, 6 winners from 18, from 45, 17.6%, P Noven, 9 from 54, 29.4%, A P McCoy, 9 from 31, 29.0%, M A Rizogradi, 13 from 72, 18.1%, A Maguire, 14 from 79, 17.7%; C Liewellyn, 8 from 47, 17.0%, M ISSELBURGH: Trainers: K Balley, 3 wenners from 3 numers, 100.0%; J Resco, 3 from 6, 50.0%, N Trivier, 9 from 28, 32.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 50, 32.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 13 from 150, 12.4%, M Hammond, 21 from 99, 21.2%, P

#### MUSSELBURGH

12.45 Toujours Riviera. 1.15 Western General. 1.45 Brackenthwaite. 2.15 Amigos. 2.45 Blue Charm. 3.15 Down The Road. 3.45 Livio.

GOING: GOOD

#### 12.45 DYEWATER MAIDEN HURDLE

(CIT	"	CON. CITT (13 IMARCA)
1		BALATA BAY 458F J Bales 5-11-9 L O'Haza
- 2	FO	BOLD AMUSEMENT 34 tV Currington 6-11-9 It Smith
3		CANAAN VALLEY 50 D Robertson 8-11-9 J Buries
ă		CLASSICAL CHOICE 224 J Barclay 5-11-9 A Thornton
- 5		DAWN ROCA 25 (B) R McKellar 5-11-9 D Parker (3)
		DIRECT ROUTE 25 (F) J Howard Johnson 5-11-9 P Carberry
		FLINTLOCK 75 Mrs & Naughton 6-11-3 M Foster
Ř		MISTER CASUAL 1585F W Reed 7-11-9 T Reed
ã	an.	SECONDS AWAY 25 J Golde 5-11-9 F Perrati
10		STASH THE CASH 28 T Over 5-11-9 A Doublin
11	-	TOLLIOURS RIVIERA 39F J Pearce 6-11-9 J McLanghin
12		UNPREJUDICE 38 M Harrarond 5-:1-9 Mr C Bonner (3)
13		RDYAL COMEDIAN 34 8 Murray 7-11-4 Q Pears
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7-2 D	red Ro	ude, 5-1 Toujours Riviera, 6-1 Royal Comedian, 7-1 Stash The C
R.IO	khazn (	talley Fluidical Universation 16-1 others.

1.15 DYEWATER MAIDEN HURDLE

I I I O DILMANNI MADEN NOIDEL
(Div II; \$2,264; 2m) (13)
1 63F SONLOUR 38 C Marc 6-71-9 J Raiton
2 05 JABAROOT 25 D Notan 5-11-9 M Moloney
3 2 JUBRAN 25 J Doods 10-11-9 P Carberry
4 Q/5- MARRY'S CASE BOF Not. J Goodbellow 6-11-9 B Storey
5 35 MT RUNDLE 27 (BF) k Basin 7-11-9 A Thorrston
5 35 MT RUMBLE 27 (BF) k Badey 7-11-9 A Thornton 6 P. MUSIC BLITZ 380 Mrs D Thorneon 5-11-9 L O'Hara 7 4 ROBSERA 34 4 Down 5-11-9 M Dever
8 WESTERN GENERAL B3F Mcs. M McGgan 5-11-9 R Guest 9 OFP- APPEARANCE MONEY 270 F Murphy 5-11-4 DJ Karanagh (5)
10 44 COOL STEEL 76 Lks J Brown 4-10-11 E Cattaghan (5)
11 U FIRST BITE 27 T Dyer 4-10-11
12 4 MARCHANT MING 27 M Hammond 4-10-11 R Gamily
13 ROY BOY 219F Mr. M. Reveley 4-10-11 P. Alivan
5-2 Robsett, 5-1 Bonjour, 6-1 Mr Rundle 7-1 Julian, Marchart Ming, 8-1 I
Day 10 ( Discourse Constraint 12 ) affects

(£2,532: 2m) (12)

1	2231	BRACKENTHWAITE 25 (CD.G) L Uoyd-James 6-11-11
		E Callaghan (5)
2	0.00	RALKO 25 (B.D.G.S) J Golde 7-10-12 G Lee (3) (
- 1	414	KOMBERLEY BOY & ID.BF.F) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-8 P Noven
		DREAM START 24 Mr. S Smith 6-18-6 R Guest
		FURNY ROSE 25 P Montesth 6-10-4 A Dobbin
		THISOMESFORALICE 7 J Goldie 8-10-4 F Perrati
		SUNDAY MAR. TOO 35 Ms.; L Penzu 4-10-2 . A Thornton
		LAMBSON 41 (G) J Pearce 9-10-2 J McLaughiin
		SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 23 R McKetter 6-10-0 _ D Partier (3)
		HELTOWN BLUES 7 (D.G.S) T Dyer 7-10-0 J Callagram !
		PERCY PIT 8 H Alexander 7-10-0 8 Sporty
12	-006	MISS GREENYARDS 25 J Haldane 5-10-0 B Harding (3)
5-3 h	Interis	n Bay, 7-2 Brackenthwalle, 9-2 Furmy Rose, 8-1 Hilliown Blues, 10
Them	ibderal	ice 14-1 Dream Start Lambson, 16-1 others.

2.15 HOPESWATER NOVICES CHASE

(£3,241: 2m) (14)	
1 (0-01 FIVE TO SEVEN 7 (D,G,S) C Thomago 7-11-10 A Dobbin @	}
2 PP-P AH JBM LAD 25 (B G) D Noten 12-11-4 Mr A McPherson -	-
3 116- AMIGOS 307 (G.S.) J Fit perald 8 11-4 M Dwyer -	-
4 2F-6 BROUGHPARK AZALEA 39 J Britist 7-11-4 M Moloney 7-	ı
5 14-2 CORSTON RACER 63 (S) Mrs S Braddoune 8-11-4 T Reed 94	ı
6 3-F3 DARK MEDNIGHT 27 D Lamb 7-11-4 A Mariners (7) -	-
7 4-36 FLOWING RIVER 7 (F.G.) W Barker 10-11-4 G Harker 74	ı
8 0-86 GULER-A 28 R C-2002 8-11-4	-
9 OP-6 HIGH ROAD 97 J Howard Johnson 6-11-4	-
10 16-F KNOW-NO-NO 28 (G) M Hammond 7-11-4, P Novem -	-
11 14P- LUBRUMBA DAYS 321 (F.S.) M Meade 10-11-4 . J Raikon -	
12 5642 NAGOBBLIA 36 (F.G.S) J Peace 8-11-4 J McLaughlin -	-
13 FIRE PREMIER COUNTY 64 J Barcley 10-11-4 A Thornson -	-
14 506P TARD CARD 8 R Woodhouse 5-10-8 D J Kavanagh (5) -	
6-4 Amages, 7-2 Five To Seven, 7-1 Lumumba Days, 8-1 Corston Recer 12-1 Flowing River, 14-1 Know-No-No, 16-1 Broughpani Azalea, 20-1 offices	I

2.45 WHITEWATER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

ŒĴ,	346: 2	2m 4h (15)
1	3P-1	TOPSAWYER 50 (F.G) Lifes C Half 8-11-10 If Bertiley
2	-023	DALLISMAN 56 I Brieff 8-11-8 M Moloney
3	-25	LINLATHEN 62 (BF) Mrs M Reveloy 6-11-6 P Niver
4	-041	BLUE CHARIM 39 (CD.F) Mrs 5 Bradburne 6-11-6 T Reed
. 5	6326	EXPLORE MONDIAL 51 T Dyer 5-11-6 J Callaghan
6	6-32	TUGRA 8 (BF.F.6) Mrs S Branzall 8-11-5. Mr K Wheten (5)
7	122P	RECLUSE 50 (B.D.F) Mess L Pomet 5-11-5
8	002	FRYUP SATELLITE 28 Mrs. J Brown 5-11-3 . E Callaghan (5)
9	003	YOUNG STEVEN 25 (B) W Kerro 5-19-13 S McDougal
10	B-32	HEDDON HAUGH 51 P Chestarough 8-10-9 R Supple
11		UN A MICHAERIT 28 (B) T Barron 5-10-7 M. Dwyer
12	F00-	CALDER'S GROVE 239 Mass L Perrat 6-10-0 A Thornton
13	OPP-	DON'T TELL JUDY 260 Mass M Malugan 8-10-6 . G Cathill (7)
14	00-2	MASTER TRICK 50 L Lungo 6-10-0 F Perrati
15	P05	MOMENT OF JUSTICE 30 (B) L Lungo 5-10-0 L O'Hara
4-1 Ti 8-7 Ti	opcawy ugra, 1	er, 5-1 Mister Truck, 6-1 Blue Charm, 7-1 Linkathen, Heddon Haw 0-1 Explore Mondial 12-1 others.

3.15 WHITEADDER HANDICAP CHASE

•	···	DII 44 (0)	
ı	12-3	DOWN THE ROAD 48 (D.F.G.S) J Howard Johnson 9-12-0	
		P Carbony	
		GORNG AROUND 43 (G,S) K Barley S-11-13 A Thornton	
ì	6-F2	PURITAN 25 (CD.F.6.S) N Table 7-11-1 A S Smith	
i	-3112	CROSS CANNON 8 (F.G) J Hellers, 10-11-9 . T Reed	
į	-353	WAIT YOU THERE 8 (D.F.E.S) HAVeander 11-11-7 G Card (7)	
i	0-12	SHELAS HILLCREST 28 (U.BF.S) N Macon 10-11-2	
		S Hangerin (7)	
ľ	0453	RAPID MOVER 25 (B.C.F.G) U Notan 9-10-13 P Naven	
ļ	2431	CHARMING GALE 39 (V.C.D.F.G.S) Mrs. S Bradburne 9-10-10	
		A Watt (7)	
,	-005	POTATO MAN 23 (0.5) D Lamb 10-10-0 Mr K Whetan (5)	
ú	ross C	gronon, 7-2 Puritan, 9-2 Charmong Gale, 6-1 Down The Road Ra	
e	L B-1 S	hears, Hillorest, 10-1 Wait You There, 12-1 others.	

3.45 HADDINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE

4 2539 KEEP BATTLESS 27 (C.9F.G.) 4 Coding 6-10-8 F Percent 5 6-60 D AMBLAY STREET 2 (B.5) W Kemp 7-10-4 5 Michagol 6 56,9 NATINE CROWN B3 (D.F.E) Mis 5 Bradiaume 8-10-0 A Wast (7) 7 4256 EXEMPLAY 7 (P) Mr. 5 Simin 8-10-0 R Suest 4-6 Limo, 5-7 keep Battlesg, 5-1 Pemperal Guest, 10-1 Lomand Mes Ferm 20-1 Righte Copan, 33-1 D'Arbby Street.
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☐ Edinburgh, the oldest racecourse in Scotland, has been renamed Musselburgh. The town, seven miles south of the capital, has housed the racetrack since 1816 and the change of name will help to promote its local identity.

#### SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.30 Beaumont, 12.55 Stand Tall, 1.20 Calder King, 1.55 Rose Of Glenn, 2.25 Serious Fact, 2.55 Kalamata, 3.25 At The Savoy, 3.55 Barrel Of Hope, Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.30 BEAUMONT (nap).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW BEST SIS

12.30 BUTTERCUP AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Div I: £2,222. 1m 3f) (9 runners) 

5-2 No Monarty, 11-4 Beaumont, 9-2 Temperang, 8-1 Beauman, Pesiols Al Dawn. Modest Hope, 10-1 others

# 12.55 RYEGRASS HANDICAP

5-1 Kiss, Stand Tall, 6-1 Desputior, Inchester Lass, 8-1 Double Glow, Paronomassa, McKellar, 10-1 others

1.20 BUTTERCUP AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP

1 033- CALDER (ONG 42 (B.F.S.) J Eyre 5-11-7 . Mics Diana Jones 3 2 050- MIDMLAR 31 (F) & Chapman 5-10-13 ... Mics R Cark (5) 6 3 055- MOMA 721 Mics 6 Kelleway 5-0-11 ... Mics S Kelleway (6) 5 4 001- COBITEC'S LEGEND 31 (CD.F.G.) J Bottomley 5-10-1 5 00-0 MEDIA MESSENGER 7 (S) N Litimoden 7-9-9 . O Gurtler (5) 1 6 DOS: SPRING SUMMISE 1251 (F.S.) 8 De Hean 6-9-6 Mirs S Bosley 2 7 000- PHAMAN 29 (F.S.) R Persons 19-9-3 . Mirs C Peacot. (5) 8 8 0-02 SHOTLEY AGAIN 4 (G.S.) N Byroxi 6-9-3 . Mirs D Kettlewell 4 5-4 Catter King, 9-4 Contex's Legend, 3-1 Shotley Again, 6-1 Spring Surrise 10-7 Again, 25-1 Mondae, 33-1 others.

1.55 DAISY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,572; 2m) (13) 

7-2 El Meto 9-2 Supermodel, 5-1 Rose Of Glenn, 6-1 Acquital, 7-1 Eulogy, 8-1 Tristan's Comet. 10-1 Fret. 12-1 others

2.25 RYEGRASS HANDICAP (Div II. \$2,222: 61) (11) (Div II. \$2,222: 6f) (11)

1 00-5 PURSUANCE 9 (N.D.6) J Baldong 4-10-0..... J Edmands (7) 4
2 D15- MST JPPTTY 42 (20.5 6) J Berry 4-9-7. Joanne Webster (7) 3
3 010- MY CHERRYWELL 41 (B.02) 6.51 L Linvi-James 6-9-7 (Kinterley Hart (7) 8
4 005- FAIREY PREFLY 34 (D.F) M Camacho 5-9-5.... L Charmock 5
5 020- RODAHSHA 46 (6.5) R Hollinghard 5-9-0... J Weaver 2
6 000- STRIP CARTOON 116 (B.02) 6.51 S Bourng 8-8-12
7 435- BRISAS 133 (O.D.F.6) C Fathurs 9-8-10... W Webook 7
8 204- SPEDV SMAPS PRIDE 109 P Canded 4-8-5... 6 Carter 6
9 500- CHUDELIA 115 (Book) 4-8-5... M Kernsedy 1
10 705- SERIOUS FACT 43 M Prescot 4-8-1... G Bardwell 9
11 006- DIAMOND BANGLE 43 C Esery 47-10... N Adams 10

9-2 Speedy Snaps Pride, Hoss Uppnil, 6-1 Farray Englis, 7-1 Pursiance, Diamond Bangle, Chicella, 8-1 Indiana, 10-1 others.

2.55 COWSLIP LIMITED STAKES

1 2-11 TARTAN GOM 6 (C.D.6) M Britain 5-9-4 ... J Dennis (7) 6
2 06-8 JOHNS ACT 9 (V.D.6.5) D Havin Jones 6-9: A Mackey 1
3 000° MUNISCEN GOU (5) J Forgeral 8-9-2 ... S Morris 2
4 20-1 CELESTIAL CHOR 10 (F.G.S) J (v.e 6-9-1 ... R Lappin 4
5 26-1 KALAMATA TS (O.G.) J Glover 4-9-0 ... S D WRisms 3
6 521- WHAT'S THE VERDICT 223 (C.F.6) M Johnston 4-8-12 J Wasner 5 9-4 Celesta) Chor. 11-4 Whar's The Verifica, 9-2 Antamata, 5-1 Tartan Gem, 7-1 Nijeregen, 8-1 Johns Act.

3.25 BLUEBELL SELLING STAKES

5.2 Sense Of Priority, 3-1 Sea Devil 9-2 Montey's Wedding 6-1 At The Savoy. 8-1 Descri Imades, 14-1 Ruper's Process, First Gold, 16-1 olbers.

3.55 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,261: 1m) (13)

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wincanton

Going, good to soft soft in places.

12 40 (2m h.dle) 1. Mister Morose (C Llewellyn, 13-21, 2, Hooded Hawk (10-1) 3. Mr Nerfmi (12-1) 19gms 9-4 Iav 17-sn NF Gone For Lunch, 20, 51 N Tweston-Davice, Tote 65 80 62:20, 55 80, 62 40 DF 647 10 Tho 262 00 CSF 678 96 Tro 050 00 CSF 27896

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, Wild West Wind (J F Triev.)
9-4 (av), 2. The Captan's Wish (10-1), 3
Supreme Flame (33-1), 17 ran NR, Decide Yourself 5, 3-4 Mess H Kinghi Triev 63 10, C1 80, 62 70, 612-40 DF 613-50 Trie 6220 0 CSF 626-50

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, Lying Eyes IJ G Power, 8-11: 2, Lucayan (av) (11-2) 3, Ho-Joe (10-1), 4, Dramsc Evers (16-1) Comm hill 7,2 Jav. 18 ran NR Chris's Glen (33, 8) W G M Tumer Tole 610-50, 6210, 616-0, 6290, 6280 DF, C15-80 Trie 6211-50 CSF 6515 7 Trieset 5423 73

\$51.57 Troast \$4.23.73
2.10 (2m 51 ch) 1, Dublin Flyer (B Powell, Evens lav), 2, Travado (3-1), 3, VRung Ragsinp (3-1), 4 ran, 71, 81 T Forster Tore \$1.60 DF \$12.70 CSF \$1.60 2
2.40 (2m hole), 1, Robins Pride (T Descortbe, 6-1), 2, Stac Polladoth (7-2), Despoive (30-1), Highest Roots 2-1 tav 18 ran \$1, 31 C Popham. Tore \$6.70, \$1.40, \$21.0, \$42.00 DF \$9.90 Tro \$20.830.
GSF \$2.941

CSF 1.5941 3 10 (3m 11 110vd ch) 1 Norman Conqueror (5 McCourt, 20-1), 2. Sunley 8ev (9-2) 3 Rectiony Garden (6-1) Gipa Valu 4-1 law (pu) 14 ran. El. 121. T. Thomson Jones Tose 266 60, 25 60, 21 40, 22 80 DF 588 80 Tro 2460 40 CSF 2107 55 Thosst. 1376 80 240 (a) CSF E107 50 Incast 1376 90 3 40 (2m 61 hole) 1. Helle Dermog (C Liewellin, 4-5 lav, Private Handicapper's top rating), 2, Carrig Denoer (2011); 3 Mir Planyluli (14-1), 4. Koo's Priomise (14-1), 17 am NR Super Sharp, 41, 13, N Treston-Davies, Tor-C1 80; 51 10, 54 10, 52 10, 51 50 DF 541 40 Ino 5127 10 CSF 522 20 Tricsst \$169.48

Jackpot: not won (pool of £45,471.84 carried forward to Ascot today). Placepot: £398.00. Quadpot: £172.50. Wetherby

2.59 (2m 4 110 of hole) 1. Simply Dashing (L. Wyer. 4-9 lav), 2. Celor. Gazul (16-1), 3. Plying Gunner (15-2), 14 ran 101, 3.1 M H Easterby, Toke, 21-50, 51-10, 12-90, 92-00 DF 211-20. The 541-00 CSF 212-58 1.20 (7m 4 110yd hdie) 1, Lansborough (P. Carterry, 8-15 km, Thunderer's napt. 2, Macocente (8-1), 3, Mac Optimiz (7-2) ran fdR. Current Mony 3M, 3M, 3M G Richards

RICHARD EVANS

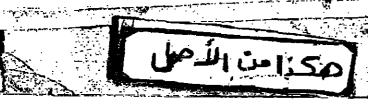
Nap: TREASURE AGAIN (3.35 Ascot) Next best: Whattabob (12.55 Ascot)

Placepot £11.00 Quedpot £16.10. Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.00 (5f) 1. Litt Boy (Candy Mores, 10-1), 2
Distant Dynasty (10-1), 3. Inherent Magic (2-5
au) 8 (an 1-1), 1. A Moore Tole (35) (0, 13-4), 23 an 1-10, 11 A Moore Tole (35) (0, 13-4), 23 an 1-10, 11 A Moore Tole (35) (0, 13-4), 23 an 1-10, 13 an 1-10, 1 





## Why coming sixth is a champagne moment at Punchestown

ast Tuesday afternoon, the clerk of you want tea or coffee, you should have on lads, who's going to the course at Plumpton held an inspection and announced that the track was waterlogged. As a consequence, Wednesday's meeting was abandoned, which grieved me, for I had intended to go. Plumpton is an agreeable place; the train from Victoria drops you at the door and since they buildozed the fall behind which the horses disap-peared before they, or possibly some other horses, came back into sight, it has provided good sport.

So on Wednesday I went to Punchestown. My eldest daughter attended a funeral in Wakefield. She had to take her place by 11.30am and, as there are no bargain fares at that time of day, the return train journey cost £93.

I flew to Dublin from Gatwick for £68 return and could have flown there from Stansted for £48. It is the new thing: no trappings flights. Seat yourself and, if

brought a thermos. Punchestown is 45 minutes out of Dublin, a country course that has a festival week of fierce activity in late April and for the rest of the year holds nicely downbeat meetings at which people reminisce and get into trim. Wednesday was fine and sunny, the going was soft, the crowd modest and the ratio of bookmaker-to-punter seriously intimidating.

Racing is a sport that comes naturally to the Irish. This is horse country, the natives are knowledgable and, when the runners parade, the people stand sixdeep around the ring, when the horses canter to the start, the manner in which they go down is assessed with expertise.

There is a totalisator which is straight and honest, as are all totes. Bookmakers, on the other hand, are extrovert and canning and call you "lad" as in "Come

take me to the cleaners?" Unlike our Honest Mick, who calls himself a turf accountant and plays it by the book, Honest Pat provides "niche" bets. like who is going to be the best of the unfancied runners: he makes a book without the five horses likely to be involved in the finish. I do not know many places where you

can watch your horse come sixth and celebrate the success in champagne (non-vintage Moët is priced at £40 a bottle. Shame on them).

Racing being part of the Irish way of life, people at Irish racecourses take these events in their stride, do not make occasions of them, neither dress up or



ON FRIDAY

down. If you go racing with your girlfriend, you snog: go with your encmies, you argue; take your parents, persuade them to change their will ... just as you do in life. While you are there. you eat chicken sandwiches and drink Hot Irish — a tot of whiskey. slice of lemon, lump of sugar, clove; the glass filled up with boiling

I go to the Punch-estown National Hunt Festival every year. It is the Celtic Cheltenham: huge crowds, mammoth bets, six days of craic (pronounced crack) - which is a blend of conversation and Guinness and chancing your luck with a hooley to see you through to breakfast.

They like the Brits, are pleased to see us, are warm and tactile and hospitable, and accept our money; they even used to give us 52 of their punts for a £50 note if we made an issue of it. That has

changed. The Tote window has a notice regretting that they do not accept sterling and a counter at the end of the building is manned by one manifesting all the casual charm of John Redwood, who demands 50p for changing a tenner into that number of punts. The flies have eaten the fly paper.

The quality of Wednesday's racing was mediocre: humdrum burdles, chases that you could take or leave and a National Hunt flat race for those who like to stay to the end and become part of

I backed Richard Dunwoody's horses. I reckoned that he had paid more than I for the flight across the Irish Sea and

mind. Wrong.
Because this is not festival week and too early for American citizens tracing their ancestors, too late for Christmas celebration, the restaurant where I dined was empty, the food the way food is when the chef has no impetus. If the soup had been as hot as the champagne. the champagne as old as the chicken ... that sort of meal. Then brandy at the Manor Inn in Naas, which, in late April, heaves with gregarious humanity; it now boasted three men at the bar and two women whispering in a corner. Right place, wrong time.

Racing in Ireland is an option that should be considered. Unless you are silly enough to include in what we call judicious investment and others deem "mug punting", a trip to Punchestown costs less than an outing to a noon funeral in Wakefield.

# Keegan has plenty of work to do on Tyneside

IT HAPPENED this time last year, when he sold Andy Cole to Manchester United, and Pressure and its icy blast have a habit of descending on Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, in the gloom of January. David Ginola's dismissal in his team's 2-0 defeat night, for elbowing Lee Dixon, and the subsequent Football Association inquiry into the unseemly touchline behaviour of Terry McDermott, mean it is close to crisis-time again.

The FA confirmed yesterday that, although the police will not take any action against McDermott, Keegan's assistant, or Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal manager, for their shoving and finger-pointing in the aftermath of Ginola's dismissal, both men will be asked to submit their versions of events to Lancaster Gate.

The match referee, Gerald Ashby, was also ordered to submit an immediate report

#### SEMI-FINALS

Arcensi v Aetno Ville 14: second legs on February 21 and 25

on the touchline fracas, based on the evidence of his linesman, Raymond Olivier, who described it as "an aggressive

verbal confrontation". Rioch admitted that he lost his temper after a remark by McDermott, thought to have referred to the Arsenal manager's own combative style during his playing days.

For Newcastle, though, the worst aspect of the ugly scenes that completed a difficult day for English football was that they threw the future of Ginola, who has made a huge impact at St James' Park with his wing play, into doubt.

The flamboyant Frenchman admitted at the weekend that he was lonely in the North East and Keegan spoke openly after Wednesday night's furore of trying to talk him round", hinting that the player was ready to move on.

There must be something about Frenchmen and Janucapital that just do not mix. Eric Cantona's excursion into the crowd after his sending off at Selhurst Park this time last year effectively scuppered Manchester United's chances of overhauling Blackburn Carling Premiership. Ginola's aberration and anticipated three-match ban could hamper Newcastle's attempts to maintain the seven-point gap between themselves and Manchester United, Suddenly May seems a long way away.

Of course, there were extentuating circumstances behind Ginola's dismissal, in the 67th minute of the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final. Many Arsenal supporters said they had not witnessed such ferocious booing of a player since Mark Hughes and Paul Ince, then of Manchester United. came in for special treatment in a particularly fraught match at Highbury two years' ago. Ashby compounded matters by booking the Frenchman for diving when he fell under a cynical tackle from

When the rules do not protect the gifted players," Keegan said, "then we are in trouble. Ginola was more sinned against than sinner tonight and yet he was the one who was sent off. He is very different to Cantona in some ways, but I think they both have problems playing in English football.

In purely practical terms. too, Ginola's absence will be a heavy blow to Newcastle. Their huge squad has been pared down by the recent sales of players such as Ruel Fox and Scott Sellars and the injury to Keith Gillespie. With Ginola gone, too, suddenly there is a dearth of wide players to supply the ammunition for Les Ferdinand. If there is any consolation

for Newcastle supporters in all of this, it is that Keegan took pains to remove himself from talk of the succession to Terry Venables as England managers. "It has got absolutely nothing to do with me," he said. "My place is at Newcastle and, judging by the way we have played in the last few matches, we have got a lot of work to do."

☐ Howard Kendall, the Sheffield United manager, will announce the club record signing of Don Hurchison, from West Ham United, for £1.2 million this morning.



Yuran, front, can see no problems after signing for Millwall, while Kulkov sees driving on the left as his biggest worry

## Millwall's Russian revolution leaves comrades lost for words

and-dagger operation, masterminded by stonyfaced men in heavy coats; it was not quite a proper press conference, with the subjects waxing lyrically and lucidly about their hopes for the future. When east met west yesterday, when Millwall introduced Sergei Yuran and Vasili Kulkov to the assembled media, there was little to be said. The Russians may be coming, indeed have arrived, but they do not speak a word

of English. Instead, the thoughts of Yuran, 26, and Kulkov, 29, were heard via the voice of Elena Sidwell, interpreter, confidante, football broker and all-round Mrs Fixit. It was her diplomacy, and the negotiating skills of the New York-based sports agency she works for, that arranged for the Russia internationals to trade in Spartak Moscow for

south-east London. Such a glamorous and globe-trotting life Sidwell Russell Kempson travels to the New Den to meet the first division's latest imports

leads. Last Friday, to the New Den in Bermondsey, to announce the signings: this week, the Millwall training ground at the former Midland Bank sports club in Bromley, to unveil the new boys; next week, Colombia, to set up another deal.

Yet only two hours' earlier, Millwall's proudest moment almost foundered because of last-minute nerves. "The lads were not keen to do this," Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, said, "It is all a bit embarrassing for them. They just want to play football, but they eventually agreed." So ... did Yuran, a striker,

or Kulkov, a defender, expect any hitches as they attempt to settle in this country? "I like London," Sidwell said that Yuran said. "My main task is to play and I can't see any problems. Millwall is a prom-

ising club for the future; if they go up to the premier league, we will go with them. That is why we came here.

They made us a specific offer." The financial carrot, reputedly dangling in the region of £5,000 a week until their loan spell expires at the end of the season, was equally enticing to Kulkov. "My main concern is I must learn to drive on a different side of the road," Sidwell revealed that Kulkov joked. "Once I get used to that, there will be no problems.

Yuran and Kulkov will play in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division match against Port Vale at the New Den on Saturday, when the Miliwall supporters, not usually noted for their tolerance, will have a first chance to haps Vasili should concentrate a bit more or that Sergei "They've got nothing to prove to me," McCarthy said.

They just want to prove they can play in England. We've eased them in gently this week and they've been fine." should be fine. Yuran has made 154 appearances, scoring 59 goals, for Dynamo Kiev, Benfica, FC Porto and Spartak. He has

played in 29 international

matches, scoring eight goals,

and should play for Russia in

the European championship finals. "He will light up the place, Bobby Robson, the Porto manager, said, Kulkov has made 45 international appearances, played alongside Yuran at Benfica, Porto and Spartak and is also likely to feature in Russia's European programme. "He reads the game very well," Robson said. Hopefully, for

Miliwali's sake, much better

than he talks it.

#### Hamed floored by hand operation

NASEEM HAMED had keyhole surgery in a London clinic yesterday after pulling out of the first defence of his World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship for the second time. Instead of promoting his contest with Arnullo Castillo, of Mexico, at a Mayfair hotel, the 21-year-old from Sheffield was having an operation to repair the right hand he damaged when winning the title against Steve Robinson. of

The injury caused the postponement of the original bout with Castillo in December. Now, a recurrence has forced Hamed to withdraw from the rescheduled date of February 10 at the London Arena. Frank Warren, the promoter, said: "It is a worry. Three bones are fused together and need to be separated, but the doctor says it is not career-threatening and we are hoping he could be back in the ring in a month or so. 'Naz' could have had cortisone injections, but the problem needs to be sorted out."

#### King is checked

SWIMMING: Jaime King, of Britain, finished second as Han Xue, of China broke her own world record in the women's 50 metre breaststroke in a World Cup series event in Peking yesterday. Han Xue clocked 30.98sec, with King touching home in 32.06sec. Suki Brownsdon, 30, the City of Coventry breaststroker who is aiming to become the first British swimmer to compete in five Olympic Games, has been recalled to the England squad after a four-year absence. Brownsdon retired from international competition after the 1992 Games, but resumed serious training last year.

#### Blundell's hopes go west

MOTOR RACING: Mark Blundell, of Britain, saw his chances of continuing his Formula One career virtually disappear vesterday when Tyrrell Yamaha confirmed that Ukyo Katayama would partner Mika Salo, of Finland, in their cars this season. Blundell, who was beaten to the vacant position at Sauber-Ford by Johnny Herbert, his compatriot, is likely to turn his attention towards IndyCar racing in the United States, having already worked with the PacWest team. Katayama, of Japan, has been with Tyrrell for three years, where he attracts his own sponsorship package to a team powered by Japanese engines.

#### Bond's defence breached

BOWLS: Ian Bond, England's youngest national indoor singles champion, will not be defending his title in April after he was beaten 21-14 in the Devon qualifying event yesterday by John Evans, a former international. Bond, 21, who has suffered a series of misfortunes since winning the event, had to pull out of the national outdoor championships at Worthing in August, when he was temporarily paralysed by a mysterious illness. He failed to impress the England selectors in the senior indoor trial last week, but will be skipping for the England juniors against the Wales Under-25 side at Portsmouth on Sunday.

#### Johnson Miami bound

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Jimmy Johnson is expected to be named coach of the Miami Dolphins, succeeding Don Shula, who has retired. Johnson coached the Dallas Cowboys to two Super Bowl triumphs before leaving two years ago after falling out with the team's owner, Jerry Jones. Wayne Huizenga, the Dolphins owner, had a five-hour meeting with Johnson, who has also had talks with Tampa Bay about their coaching vacancy earlier this week. Johnson coached the University of Miami for five seasons and is a strong favourite among supporters for the job with the Dolphins.

#### Champions on new track

CYCLING: Rob Hayles and Russell Williams, the British Madison track champions, have signed for Team Ambrosia. oining a four-man team of road specialists that was announced last week. Hayles, who turned professional 12 months ago, was the most influential rider for London in the opening round of the five-cities track league at Manchester last weekend, with three victories, and will compete again tomorrow in the next stage of the five-week series. He will use early-season road races as preparation for his attempt to gain a place in the Great Britain squad for the 4,000 metres pursuit at the Olympic Games.

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## Olympic appeal to attract mudlarks to South Africa

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE gate to the coming world cross country championships in South Africa will be partially opened this weekend, offering a reminder that, if you throw enough mud, some will stick — in which case, it is time that the British Athletic Federation (BAF) took a bath to wash away the criticism.

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For the leading ten senior men and six senior women in the Reebok United Kingdom inter-counties championships at Luton tomorrow, direct qualification into the British trials for the world championships is guaranteed. The same applies to the first six junior

men and junior women.

There has been plenty to cheer so far this winter: British team medals in the European championships, Paula Radcliffe's victories in world cross challenge races at Dur-ham and Mallusk, Andrew Pearson's European bronze medal and second place in Durham, Chris Sweeney's second in Mallusk. More so than at any time since 1992, when the senior men took team bronze medals and Radcliffe won the junior title, there is hope that Great Britain can play a prominent role in the world championships. Radcliffe and Pearson are

showing their best winter form. For the first time, Rob Denmark and Paul Evans, respectively Britain's best 5,000 and 10,000 metres runners, will be available; on a fast course in Stellenbosch, their presence is as important as that of Pearson.

Still, though, the runners and coaches say that the BAF does next to nothing for cross country and the recent wasted opportunity to give most of the potential team a chance to sample the course to be used for the trials underlines the

The European champion-ships were held in Northumberland. The trials for the world championships will be in Northumberland. Yet the BAF did not announce the venue — Ashington — until yesterday because it had left arrangements in the hands of Nova international, to whom the BAF has effectively abdicated responsibility for cross country in Britain. For Nova, cross country is business and that means keeping sponsors

happy, hence the delay. "It would have been an ideal opportunity to take the British team out to the course, so they are training with it mind," David Clarke, the men's team manager, said. Frustrated by lack of support from above, Clarke has made progress in his first year as manager. For a start, he keeps in touch with



Denmark: ready to run

#### BAF secures £2m deal

THE British Athletic Federation (BAF) cut out the middleman and announced its first self-arranged title sponsor-ship yesterday (David Powell writes). Securicor will back the Olympic trials and grand prix meeting at Crystal Palace this year in a deal negotiated by Barry Snellgrove, the BAF commercial director, rather than by Alan Pascoe Associates (APA). its marketing

thought to have contributed towards the decision by KP agency since 1985.

The sponsorship will be Foods not to renew.

worth £2 million if it runs the full three years; initially for two years, there is an option on 1998. Under its arrangement, APA is entitled to a percentage. However, it may be waived, in which case the. BAF will see more money than under its previous sponsorship. The adverse publicity surrounding Colin Jackson and Linford Christie is

letter once a year." he said.
"You need to do more than that. The element of positiveness around at the moment may be why they are responding the way they are. They actually feel that somebody is interested in them." For too long. Britain has gone to the world champion-

"As an athlete. I would get a

ships without its best men, but Clarke does not expect that crack to appear this time. "Almost everybody wants to run in South Africa," he said.

Brendan Foster, the former European 5,000 metres champion, has convinced Denmark that he is harming his chances of greater success on the track each summer by not having a competitive cross country sea-son. Foster points to a list of Africans who have followed success in the world cross country championships with storming performances on the track and Clarke agrees that cross country is fundamental to good summer results. There has been a notable surge in the number of track men running cross country this winter.

"South Africa is a stepping stone for the Olympic Games," Clarke said, though he added, ruefully, "so the funding should be there." He is disappointed that the feder-ation has failed to find money, either direct or through sponsorship, for team preparation in warmer climes.

There are signs that the BAF cross country commission may be prepared to give up on any significant help from the federation management board and, by starting a British Cross Cup, provide better racing opportunities in Britain and, perhaps, funding from a

Answering criticism that the federation does too little for cross country. Matt Frazer, the BAF secretary, said that it was "a legitimate claim as people see it", but he pointed to more athletes being sent for experi-ence in small teams abroad and development of juniors through BAF-funded squad weekends.

Frazer does not envisage any significant changes.
"After all," he said, "part of the attraction for people like me is that it is the least commercial part of the sport."



## Rusedski maintains progress

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GREG RUSEDSKI continued his impressive build-up to the Australian Open next week by reaching the semi-finals of the Peters International tournament in Sydney yesterday. Rusedski, the British No l. overcame Scott Draper, of Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in the quarter-finals.

Rusedski, who is unseeded in the tournament, was joined in the last four by Goran Ivanisevic, the top seed, who beat Mark Woodforde 6-4, 7-5. Ivanisevic declared his intent by breaking Woodforde in the opening game and winning three service games to love in the first set.

In the women's singles. Monica Seles continued her rehabilitation when she beat the powerful Mariaan de Swardt, of South Africa, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the semi-finals. She has not played in a tourna-ment since the US Open last

Three British players who were attempting to book their places in the men's singles draw at the Australian Open fell at the first hurdle of the qualifying competition in Melbourne vesterday. Andrew Richardson, Danny Sapsford and Nick Baglin all went out in the opening round: Richardson, from Lincolnshire, lost 6-3, 6-2 to Steve Campbell. of the United States; Sapsford, from Weybridge, was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Diego Nargiso, of Italy; and Baglin, from Macclesfield, went down 7-6, 6-3 to

Clare Wood, Britain's No l

Takao Suzuki, of Japan.

woman player from Brighton. starts her singles qualifying campaign today. Rusedski and Tim Henman go straight into the main draw of the men's competition. Chris Wilkinson, from

Southampton, who elected not to play in the Australian Open qualifying event, retired suf-fering from the effects of dehydration during his match against Paul Haarhuis, the top seed, in the Indonesian Open in Jakarta yesterday. Haarhuis was leading 6-1, 3-0 at the time.

Pete Sampras, the world No 1 from the United States, whose build-up to the Australian Open has been hampered by illness, will play Boris Becker in an exhibition match in Melbourne today.

#### **SPORTS LETTERS**

#### RFU must support amateurs

From Mr John Jacobsen Sir. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has understandably been concentrating on the assimilation of professional rugby into a formerly totally amateur game. In formulating the structure and control of professional rugby, the RFU is in danger of killing the ama-teur game at the higher levels. The RFU has a prime re-

sponsibility to maintain the standard of amateur rugby and avoid the situation where gifted players are obliged to become professionals if they wish to play the game at the highest level. Young men with a career ahead of them should not be obliged to prejudice that career by taking on contracted

rugby commitments.

The difficulty will be to define amateur status. The definition must be capable of verification in the case of every player claiming to be an amateur. The need is to preserve the current regulations relative to amateurism for those players wishing to be classed as amateurs. In addition, clubs affiliated to the RFU who wish to offer contracts and/or payments to their players would register as open clubs and other clubs (the vast majority) would register as amateur clubs. There would not be a ban on marches between open and amateur clubs, nor on amateur players playing for open clubs, though they would lose

their eligibility for amateur

representative rugby.
The important condition is that the clubs registered as amateur would abide by the present regulations of the RFU, with scrutiny of ac-counts to ensure that funds are not used to pay players. Only players registered with ama-teur clubs would be eligible for

representative amateur teams The support for amateur rugby is undoubtedly strong and would be maintained at a high level by a programme of representative matches con-fined to registered amateur players. The obvious vehicle for such a tournament is the county championship, which embodies still the spirit of amateur sport and is unlikely to receive support from open clubs and professional players.

It is of prime importance for the health of amateur rugby that internationals between the home countries should continue to be played at the national stadiums. The RFU has a duty to make Twickenham available to amateur players as well as the new professionals. Such is the ethos of amateur rugby union lootball that an amateur international match between England and Wales will continue to fill the stands if the RFU gives the amateur game the support it deserves. Yours faithfully

JOHN JACOBSEN. 18 Christchurch Street, SW3.

#### Replay justice From Mr A. Charlton

Sir, The recent Test series in South Africa confirms that the standing umpires should automatically consult the third umpire to adjudicate on all appeals by the fielding side other than the most obvious.

In most cases, it is a matter of fact whether a batsman is out or not and the ruling should not be left to the instant judgment of the field umpires when evidence from the television replay is immediately

available to the third umpire. Serious errors of instant judgments not only alter the course of the game, but cause unneccesary ire to players and spectators alike. If doubts remain in spite of the camera evidence, then the batsman

gets the benefit as before.

The sanctity of umpires, which appears to cause concern in some quarters, is upheld; the adjudicator is a third umpire, with the advantage of deliberating from the slow-motion evidence and thus showing that justice is seen to be done.

Yours faithfully, A. CHARLTON. 45 St John's Avenue. Hebburn, Tyne and Wear.

#### Swing to right

From Mr Robert J. K. Owens Sir, I so much agree with the comments of Mr Bruce Cowles (January 5) concerning the lack of basic skills by English bassmen. However, there is another important point about technique.

The preliminary to every

stroke, whether defensive or attacking, is the lifting of the bat. If it is not lifted straight, it will not come down straight and an angled bat has less chance of hitting the ball cleanly. The lifted bat pointing towards the slips is so often seen clearly on the telvision screen. This is caused by too much right hand in the lift.

A good way to get it correct is to practise swinging the bat with the left hand only, turning the wrist in the process. The right hand produces the punch on the downward stroke. Do our coaches give attention to this?

Yours faithfully. ROBERT OWENS. Wheatsheaf Lodge, Corton Denham. Sherborne, Dorset.

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#### Harris will test the progress of Davis

BY COUN MCQUILLAN

JAMIE DAVIS, a gangling 23year-old from Southgate, in north London, has already had the best week of his squash career.

He spent two hard days qualifying for the opening round of the QM national championships at Edgbaston Priory in Birmingham, needing nearly two hours to overcome Eric McAlpine, of Surrey, in the qualifying final, and yesterday managed his best win so far, reaching 20 places up the senior England ranking list to defeat Tim Garner, the England No 13, 9-6, 9-3, 9-2 in 67 minutes. Today, he meets the muchfancied No 2 seed, Del Harris, of Essex, in the second round. "Harris was the star of British squash when I was coming through the junior county ranks," Davis said, "To

meet him in the nationals is quite a moment for me." By yesterday's form. though, the moment may not last too long. Davis has featured in junior events around Herdordshire and Middlesex for years and been noticed. here and there, on a national league level. Harris, however. a former world junior champion, has returned to devastating form. He needed just 29 minutes to remove Paul Blanksby, of Nottingham,

another qualifier, 9-0, 9-1, 9-6, vesterday. Success against Davis and again in a probable quarter-final against Paul Johnson, of Kent, tomorrow, should take Harris to a semi-final on Sunday against Mark Chaloner, of Lincoln.

In the women's first round, Cassandra Jackman, the No l seed from Norfolk, beat Gayle Kerrison of Sussex, in 13 minutes, while Fiona Geaves. the defending champion, took just four minutes more to defeat Sue Littler, of Hertford-

#### **FOR THE PEROPE**

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TABLE TENNIS

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MELBOURNE: Men's tournament: Semi-final: M Chang (US) bit J Counsr (US) 6-4, 6-0 Consolation round: P Rather (Aus) bit R Krajicak (Holf) 4-6, 3-1 ret, W Farrera (SA) bit S Edberg (SNe) 6-2, 3-6, 7-6.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Dealer South East - West game Rubber bridge **◆**AJ654

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Contract: Five Diamonds by South

South opened Three Diamonds and North raised to Five Diamonds. How should South play after ruffing the

heart in dummy? This refresher is about counting your tricks. Here, you have one in spades, a heart ruff you have just made and six tricks in diamonds. You need three more from somewhere. You can get only one more heart ruff, for, when the defence gains the lead, they will play a trump and so confine you to two ruffs.

So, it appears that you should play for tricks in clubs. With this club holding, it is often right to lead towards the king-queen, but see what happens if you try that here. You come to hand with a trump and lead a club. West ducks and you can ruff a club in hand. However, though you can get a heart ruff and another club ruff, you are a trick short when the ace of clubs does not come down.

The solution is to play the king of clubs from dummy at trick two. If West takes it and switches to spades, you can cross-ruff for 11 tricks (you get two black tricks and nine diamond tricks). If West plays a trump, you win in dummy. play the queen of clubs and ruff a club, ruff a heart, ruff a club and draw trumps. Now, the fifth club is established and you still have the ace of

Lead: King of Hearts

in hand, the queen of clubs and the fifth club. ☐ The 1996 Macallan International pairs championship will be played at The White House Hotel, Regent's Park, London, on January 24 to 26. Tickets are available from The Macallan Box Office (tel: 0181-878 5844).

spades as your entry - you

make the ace of spades, two

heart ruffs, six diamond tricks

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BATTOLOGY a. Study of the flittermouse Repetition c. The science of lunacy

PROCACITY a. Impudence b. Haste c. Cleverness

a. Evening dew b. A water plant **TAPHEPHOBIA** a. Horror of burial

BROMIDROSIS

Dread of moles c. The Spartan cavalry club Answers on page 38

# KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Adams wins

Although Michael Adams, the British grandmaster, got off to a very slow start in the tournament at Groningen. Holland, over Christmas, he recovered well with a sequence of fine wins. In the closing round, he inflicted this sharp defeat on Joel Lautier. the young Frenchman. The opening chosen by Adams has not yet become mainstream theory, but it has proved extremely popular not only with Adams himself but also with other English grandmasters. including Julian Hodgson and Tony Miles. In this game. Lautier is obliged to accept a cramped position and

efficiently. White: Michael Adams Black: Joel Lautier Groningen, December 1995

Adams finishes him off

Trompovsky Attack 4 Nf3 5 b3 6 e3 7 Bg3 8 exd4 12 C4 13 c5 14 h3

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Diagram of final position 

Varna draw

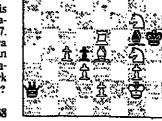
Anatoly Karpov and Veselin Topalov, the Bulgarian grandmaster, drew a six-game match at speed chess time limits, where the total prize fund was \$40,000. The score in Varna was two wins each, with two draws.

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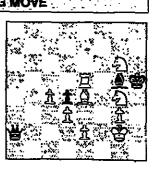
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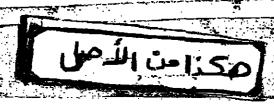
By Raymond Keene White to move. This position is from the game Larsen - Chandler. Hastings Premier, 1987. Although Black has an extra

queen. White has more than enough material compensation and he now forced a quick checkmate. Can you see how?



Solution on page 38





## France offer Lacroix controlling interest

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

world after victory over a disappointing England during the final week of the World Cup in June, seek to confirm a novel supremacy over the same opponents with a reshulfled pack in Paris on January 20. They will open the rugby union five nations' championship with Thierry Lacroix at stand-off half and five forward changes from the side that played New Zealand in

After sharing the international series with the All Blacks 1-1 and demonstrating exciting new talent behind the scrum, France will start favourites against England, even though they have not beaten them at the Parc des Princes since 1988.

There is only one newcomer.

#### FRANCE XV

J-I. Sadoumy (Colomero), E. N'Tamack (Toutouse), C. Dourthe (Dark, T. Cestaig-nède (Toutouse), P. Samt-André (Mont-ferrard, capit), T. Lacrobe (Dark, P. Carbonnesu (Toutouse), M. Périé (Touton), J-M. Gonzales (Bayonne), C. Califano (Tou-louse), A. Benezo (Jegen), O. Roumat (Dark, O. Merle (Montestand), L. Cabannes (Racros), F. Pelous (Day (Replacements, P. Bernard-Salles (Beglez-Bondeaur), A. Penaud (Birre), G. Accoesberry (Bolges-Borthaur), L. Benezech (Racros), M. de Rougement (Touton), R. Cestal (Toutouse)

Michel Perie, the Toulon loose-head prop, who dis-places Laurent Benezech. Perié, 26, made a late start to the season after an injury, but has come on in leaps and bounds while Bénézech has struggled for form with Racing Club.

So, according to reports, has Laurent Cabannes, the experienced open-side flanker, but he returns along with the two other players who, because they chose to stay playing provincial rugby in South Africa until October, were not considered against New Zealand: Olivier Roumat takes his accustomed position at lock and Lacroix his club position of stand-off.

The return of Roumat allows the French selectors to switch Fabien Pelous to No 8:

FRANCE, placed third in the Pelous, 22, made a good first impression against New Zeaiand in Toulouse and his ballhandling qualities suggest an ability to play a loose game. Jean-Marc Gonzales, who

has demonstrated his fitness in training on the island of Emblez, near Toulon, this week, reclaims the hooking berth from Marc de Rouge mont, while the selection of Lacroix at No 10 solves a problem for France. The flighty Alain Penaud has not settled into the role, Christoohe Devlaud showed too many weaknesses during the World Cup, but Lacroix showed for Natal last summer how to control a game.

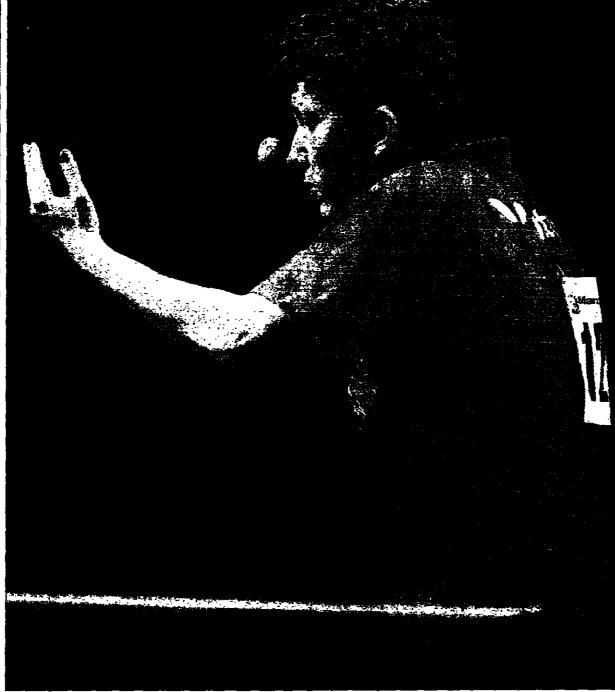
"Every time I have played at stand-off before. France's reputation has been in danger. Lacroix said. "This time, I am recognised as the boss of the backs and I'll be happy to play alongside such enthusiastic youngsters.

England started their fourday training camp at Bisham Abbey yesterday with fitness doubts still hanging over Tim Rodber, the back-row replacement. Rodber did not train after knee and ankle injuries sustained last weekend, but it is hoped he will have recovered by tomorrow.

Ireland's team to play Scotland at Lansdowne Road on January 20 is a vote of confidence in Eric Elwood at standoff half, his experience over the slow-starting Paul Burke earning him a recall.

John Gallagher, the former New Zealand full back who turned to rugby league, takes a step nearer further international honours with selection - at centre - for the Ireland A international with Scotland at Donnybrook on January 19.

PRELAND (v. Scotland): J. E. Staples (\*\*Integurs, captan): R. M. Walkace (Garryowan), J.C. Bell (Northampton), K. P. McQuildin (Bective Rangers), S. P. Geoghegian (Bath): E. P. Elwood (Lansdowne), C. Saverimatio (Sale); N. J. Popplewell (Newcastle), T. J. Kingston (Dolpha), P. M. Clohessy (Young M. Minaer), J. Davidson (Dungarnon), G. M. Fulcher (Colk Construccin), N. P. J. Francis (Old Belvedere), D. Codwny (Terenure College), P. S. Johns (Dungarnon) Replacements: M.



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Broe serves during her straight-sets victory over Henriques in Manchester yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

## Thoughtful Syed chops and changes

By RICHARD EATON

MATTHEW SYED made sure of reaching the second stage of the Olympic qualifying table tennis competition when he scored his third victory in two days, an entertaining 19-21, 21-16, 21-13, 21-14 success against the Swiss champion, Thierry Miller, in Manchester yesterday.

The England No I had to escape from a

tense situation at 16-all in the second game, but it was the contrast in styles between Miller's ferocious forehand loop one of the fastest in Europe - and Syed's mobile and thoughtful defending that made this encounter such a specta-

The turning point came when Syed began to play his chopped backhand defensive strokes a little earlier, forcing

Miller to loop slower and higher, and opening opportunities for some splendid Syed counter-attacks. Chen Xinhua, the England coach, was so conspicuous about imparting this tactical advice to Syed halfway through the third game that he was given a yellow card by the

Dutch umpire for illegal coaching. However, Chen's counsel appeared to work and Syed was quick to take advantage of the possibilities that this ploy opened up, regularly luring his opponent into optimistic attacking gambles. Miller's errors grew more frequent and he became increasingly

puzzled by Syed's hits and counter-loops. "I hadn't played against anyone with such a fast loop as that for some time." Sved said. "When he switched it from wing to wing, it was dangerous, but, after

a while. I began to read the signs of when he did it and learnt to handle it."

Three English women - Alison Broe, Lisa Lomas and Andrea Holt - also made sure of their places in Atlanta with victories yesterday. Broe, the former English national champion, gained her second and third successes, beating Elsa Henriques, of Portugal, 21-16, 21-9, 21-8, and Armina Makinian, of Armenia. 19-21, 21-13, 21-13, 21-16.

Holt, the England No 1, saved three set points in a critical fourth game to overcome Eklijana Aganovic, of Croatia, 21-17, 21-19, 18-21, 27-25, but Lomas encountered few problems against Rutla Garkuskite. of Lithuania, winning 21-19.

#### Results, page 37

## Conference clubs make grade | Amarnath weathers the storm

**SNOW REPORTS** 

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL, BY WALTER GAMMIE

EIGHT Vauxhall Conference clubs have been confirmed as meeting the "A" ground grading required for promotion to Endsleigh Insurance League. It now remains for SGI, funded by football pools any one of Bath City, Dover Athletic, Gateshead, Kettering Town, Kidderminster Harri-Southport or Woking to take the title and become the first Conference champions to go up since Wycombe Wanderers in 1993.

"I think it's important that somebody goes up to prove the system is working." Peter Hunter, the Conference chief executive, said yesterday.

"We've been backed by the Sports Ground Initiative (SGI). They've put their confidence in the Conference and we want to respond to it." The companies, offers Conference ic. Gateshead, Kettering clubs E2S0,000 over three Kidderminster Harri-Macclesfield Town, ment and safety work.

Hednesford Town, with their new Quays Stadium, and Morecambe, who did much work on Christie Park to gain promotion from the UniBond League, are close to the grading. Three more - Altrincham, Stevenage Borough and Slough Town — have given notice of substantial projects

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to secure their grading by the December 31 deadline this year. "We are putting pressure on those of our clubs that don't meet the criteria that we demand of clubs coming up from the Beazer, Icis and UniBond leagues by telling them to get up to those standards by 1998. Hunter said. "We get criticism that we have got clubs in the Conference that don't meet our criteria level, which I am afraid is true."

The past two winners of the Conference - Kidderminster, who are fifth, and Macciesfield, the leaders - meet at Aggbrough tomorrow.

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satisfied. India and Pakistan their first victory of the tournamet for the second time in the ment, there was only the slightest hint of gritted teeth in World Cricket Masters series here yesterday and provided the congratulation of their the closest and most gripping opponents. As though to prove that not even the desert states of the cricket of the tournament so far. India it was who won, by three wickets with five balls to United Arab Emirates are spared the curse of cricketers spare in a match shortened by

everywhere - a visitation morning rain, and, by doing so, reversed a defeat at the from the patron saint of umhands of their old rivals in the brellas, St Pluvius - it rained through part of the morning preliminary games. Generally speaking, the states and the people of Pakiand caused the match to be reduced to 28 overs a side. stan and India get along about as well as oil and water, but

the cricketers of the countries

seem to rub along pretty well.

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As chance would have it, Pakistan had batted for exactly that long when the second interruption for rain occurred. setting India to score 162. India looked to be out of it at 45 for four, but Sandeep Patil came in to give a brief but sparkling display of clean hitting; his 39 in as many balls was the first part of an Indian resurgence. After he had gone.

India needed 78 off 12 overs. Led by Amarmath, named man of the match for his undefeated 53, and supported spectacularly by Syed Kir-mani. India had to score only two off the last six balls: they did it in one.

SCORES: Palustan 161 for five (28 overs; I,u: Fach 84: S Vervotaragheren 3-48); India 162 for soven (27 i overs; M Americath 53 nct out; Sklander Sakin 3-29; India won by three works!).

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 37 BATTOLOGY

(b) The continual repetition of the same words or phrases in speech or writing. A battologer is one who battologises. The word should be better known and more used in view of its wide application to television commercials, salesmen of used cars and encyclopedias, politicians and television interviewers, homilies by spouses, and so

PROCACITY

(a) Petulance, impudence, prima donna's self-absorbed cheek. Not to be confused with precocity. From the Latin word. I think Tatiana shows very considerable procacity," you say earnestly to Mrs Babypusher, after her narcissistic daughter has just beaten yours to the self-expression elecution finals. BROMIDROSIS

(c) Smelly perspiration. Osmidrosis means the same thing, unnecessary superfluity of language for an unpleasant condition, but not one about which it is often necessary to talk. "Do I really have to sit with one of the Jones brothers, mother? What a dilemma — it's like being caught between Bromi and Osmi. What's that, mum? Oh, just a classical allusion.

TAPHEPHOBIA

(a) A morbid dread of being buried alive. From the Greek taphos a grave · phobia unreasoning panic. "No, not with you on top, Alexandra. I do not think I could handle that. I'm taphephobic, you See."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE L Nf4+! Kxg4: 2. Bf3 mate.

## RADIO CHOICE Of pleasure and leisure

Kaleidoscope Peature: Le Weekend. Radio 4, 9.30pm.

Unaccountably saddled with a French definite article, Brian Sibley's Unaccountably saddled with a French definite article, Brian Sibley's survey of what we do when we take a rest from work begins and ends with those golden moments when Tony Hancock and Sid Jmes bemoaned the joylessness of yet another weekend. The Romans filled their leisure hours with pleasures harmless to them but not always to others. They watched men hacking each other to pieces in the arena. In medieval England, 60 days-off a year was not uncommon. Most were saints' days — hence the holy days that became holidays. In one village, there was a 500-a-side loothall match. Victorian Sundays were respectably marked by family songs around the parlour plano. How different from 1990s Sundays when we shop until we drop.

Howard Keel Presents Playhouse. Radio 2, 7.00pm

James Montgomery's partial histories of six London theatres deal only with musicals and take no account of any plays that may have been staged there. Tonight is the turn of the Prince of Wales theatre. This building, situated in Coventry Street between Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square, occupies the site of an earlier theatre where missical comedy was born in 1892 with a show called In Town. Like all theatres, the Prince of Wales has had its ups and downs. A big "up" was Andrew Lloyd Webber's Aspects of Love, which ran for three years. A big "down" was City of Angels, which, despite glowing notices, expired after only four months.

Peter Davalle

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Gordon Fergus-Thompson,
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starp; Barcarolle No 5 in F strapp; Barcarone No 5 in r sharp minor; Noctume No 6 in D flath, Debussy (Preludes Terrasse des audiences du clair de lune, No 7; Feux d'artifice, No 12); Fauxé (Impromptu No 5 in F sharp minor; Noctume No 13 in 8 minor)

Festivals. A concert of Handel and Vivaldi records at the Church of the Papel College last year 3.00 Mining the Archive.

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3.00 Mining the Archive. A
performance from the 1974
City of London Festive!
4.20 By the Waters of Babylon
4.30 Brazil: Songs from the
Amstzon
5.00 The Music Machine: 19001995 5.15 In Tune. WolfFerrar (Festa Popolare)
5.30 A Series of Intervals. Adrian
Jack and the major 7th
6.15 In Tune, part 2. Beethoven
(Non Sonata in F. Op 24,
Spring); Liapunov (Ritapsody
on Likranian Themes)
7.30 A Series of Intervals. Adrian
Jack rounds off in unison
7.35 Bury St Edmund's Festive!
Silva Marcoud; violin; BBC
Philharmonic Orchestra under
Yan Pascal Torrisier
9.05 Cettle Soul, Glendalough
9.25 Hear and Now. Recordings
by the Birmingham
Contemporary Music Group,
under Elgar Howarth
12.00-1.00am Seld, Smoke,
Sattre. Cabaret songs

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News Incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

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reflects on his passion for the
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(FM only). In 1958, the
optimistic beginnings of the
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were charted in a short film
called New Day. The town
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housing, plenty of jobs and a clean environment is officially no longer a new town and throughout the rest of the country is known only for housing neighbours from hell 10.00 News; An Act of Worship

(LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Women's Hour, from Bellast.
Serial: Michael Maloney reads
Kate Senton's comedy of love and manners Lions and Liquonce (9/12) 11.30 The Natural History

Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme
12.65 Weather

1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55
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2.00 Heway The Classic Serial:
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Barchester Towers(2/3) (f)
3.00 News The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope
4.45 Short Story: Sevendiphy, by
Arm Redmayne (f)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 News 6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archera
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimblety chairs a topical
discussion in Cares, File.
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Ireland Secretary
8.05 Those Café Days. Last in the
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9.15 Letter from America

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Le
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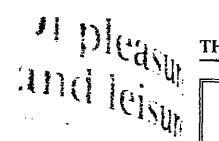








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# Inside story of a family's painful dilemma

once met a man who never watched television. The reason was that he worked from 4pm to midnight, and slept till ten. The idea of filling his remaining waking hours — ten till four watching a box indoors was naturally abhorrent, so he took up rugmaking instead. Life arranged wake, watch television, work, go to sleep - looks empty and worthless. When arranged with a subtle difference, however - wake, work, watch television, go to sleep - it really lifts the spirits. I sound petulant and I am. Because for two weeks running. I have been unable for behind-thescenes technical reasons to see Thursday's new French and Saunders in time to write about it. Guaranteed next-day delivery is a phrase that has lost all its former promise, since the "next-day" bit does not come to pass, the "guarantee" is naked cynicism, and "delivery" is a word deprived of all

meaning by the shortfall of its friends. Patsy Kensit was to have made an appearance on last night's show. The movie spoof was Braveheart. And yet here I was watching The Vet again (BBCI). consoling myself with pleasant thoughts of the French and Saunders spoof which will one day follow - Jennifer Saunders with a too-long straw fringe as Jen; Dawn French swinging her arms with al-arming flamboyance as that rolling-gaited little vet-bloke. Chris.

But it is wrong to live your life for spite. Even without French and Saunders, it was not such a bad evening. It was, however, rather horrible in content - with The Vet concerning bloody rural dog-fights, Inside Story (BBCI) investigating the impossible choices faced by parents of a brain-damaged child, and Traces of Guilt (BBC2) telling the real-life crime story of an Austrian serial killer who strangled his female victims with

their bras and left them naked on forest floors. Ever since I met the man with the peculiar job-hours. I have applied the same test to an evening's television: would I want to spend a morning watching this?
Inside Story and Traces of Guilt were both good programmes. But by the time I got to work. I'd be a bludgeoned wreck, staring blank-ly, and whimpering "Patsy ly, and whimpering "Patsy Kensit?" in a regretful, de-moralised kind of way.

The story of the Stewart family, with their brain-damaged child lan, was already known to media-watchers before last night's sympathetic Inside Story. The Stewarts have been vocal about their appalling problem: their two-year-old child requires constant one-to-one attention, he is in perpetual discomfort, he can't see or hear. They rub his legs and cuddle him. "What's the matter, lan?" they ask, with astonREVIEW Lynne Truss

ishing patience. In their nice house in sunny Sidmouth, lan twirls aimlessly in his baby-bouncer, while (a bit much, this) How Much is that Doggy? plays on a music-box. When their story was aired on You Decide, 80 per cent of Jeremy Paxman's audience agreed that when lan started to suffer terminally, euthanasia was the answer. But of course euthanasia is not available and the strength of last night's film was that it showed a complicated issue growing ever more involved. The Stewarts had believed Ian's heart condition was fatal (it was during heart surgery that his brain was damaged). But now a surgeon says another operation is possible. A neurologist, shining lights in lan's eyes, detects a small improvement. The moral implication of both these doubleedged opinions is unstated but clear: if there is hope, there must

Parents watching the plight of the Stewarts must have been torn in all directions — from sympathy to outrage. Night-time stints tending an inconsolable child are familiar to everybody; the Stew-arts' special pleading is simply too extreme. But how can this couple behave on screen, if they wish to engage our support? If they are petulant or self-pitying, we withdraw like snails on contact with salt. Yet if they are brave and problem is. They have risked exposure on television — a dangerous game. Given popular prejudices, it doesn't help, either, that they are white South Africans.

o what did Patsy Kensit do on French and Saunders? Ho hum. BBC2's second Traces of Guilt was again a forensic detective story brilliantly told. It began by suggesting a contrast between murder investigations in America and Europe taking similar serial killings of prostitutes in Los Angeles and Vienna - and then, what a turnup, it transpired that the killings in both continents were done by the same bloke! (Actually, this conclusion was guessable, but it's sometimes nice to act surprised.)

Excitingly, the perpetrator was an Austrian celebrity — rather handsome, debonair, Jeremy Irons will doubtless play him in the film.

Imprisoned for murder in 1975. Jack Unterweger had become a fa-mous writer while in prison: on his early parole in 1990 (his release urged by sucker intellectuals) he launched a media career as a rehabilitation success story. But alas, intellectuals are notoriously unreliable in such matters and Unterweger was no sooner through the gates than he embarked on a

spree of killing.

As always in true-crime stories. the interest focused on the killer, not the killed. But at least his story had special literary interest. Unterweger was such a classic Ubermensch that he even turned up at police headquarters (in his role of literary bad boy) to interrogate them about the case. He was finally nailed by sophisticated forensic science but I suspect that if prison warders had observed his reading habits ("Nietzsche? Is it good?") they might have saved themselves a lot of trouble.

#### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (38454) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (29037096) 9.10 Kilroy (s) (2173657)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (Ceefax) (4068913) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook for the culinarily challenged (s) (6310744) 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (19251) 12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6456725) 12.05pm Pebble Mill (9687831) 12.50

Regional News and weather (13399386) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceelax) and weather (59102)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (64451812) 1.50 Banacek. With George Peppard (2743657) 3.05 Timekeepers (5811541) 3.30 The Littlest Pet Shop (1115812) 3.50 Look Sharp! with Chris Jarvis (s) (2147893) 4.05 The All New Popeye Show (8267218) 4.15 Julia Jekyli

and Harriet Hyde (Ceelax) (s) (2979522) 4.30 The Mask (Ceefax) (s) (9176270) 4.55 Newsround Extra. Chris Rogers reports on the

children who nde around Dublin on horses (Cee (6112454) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (7791454) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (449580)

6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (251) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (831)

7.00 Gagtag (Ceelax) (s) (1893) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a new treatment for

heart attacks (Ceefax) (s) (265) 8.00 Just Good Friends. Cornedy series starring Paul

Nicholas and Jan Francis (r). (Ceefax) (6611) 8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont and Ally McCoist with Ben Clarke, Karen Pickering, Colin Montgomerie and Steve Stone, answer questions

from David Coleman. (Ceefax) (s) (9676) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and



Professor Wallace, Sue Scott Davison (9.30pm)

9.30 Operation Coathanger — A 999 Special (Ceelax) (s) (548015)

10.20 Small Sacrifices. The conclusion of the film adaptation of the true story of mother-of-three Diane Downs, who claims her children were shot by a stranger, but was herself charged with murder and and Ryan O'Neal (r) (Ceefex) (99326589) WALES: 10.20 All Our Lives (441725) 10.50 Small Sacrifices (78528725) 12.25-2.15am Film: Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (456042)

12.25am FILM: Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia am rium: bring the the read of Alledo Galda (1974) starring Warren Cates, Gig Young, Isela Vega, Robert Webber, Heimut Dantine and Emilio Fernandez. The father of an influential Mexican family offers \$1,000,000 for the head of the man who impregnated his daughter. However, a bar owner discovers that the man has already been killed in a cal crash and sets off for the grave to chop off the head of the corpse. What follows is a violent analysis of a man's quest for love and meaning in a nightmare world Sam Peckinpah directs. (Ceefax) (2058348) 1.40 Weather (2392435)

#### BBC2

6.00am Business and Work (93840598) 7.00 Breakfast News (Signing and sublifies) (6400831)

7.15 Lassie (3531909) 7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (7688164) 8.05 The Really Wild Show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5631980)

8.35 The Record (6) (9822015) 9.00 The Little Train to Lynton (r) (54218) 9.30 Seabrook's Year (r) (68909) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (6319015) 10.25 FILM: And So They Were Married (1944, b/w)

starring Simone Simon and Robert Mitchum A comedy directed by Joe May (5832763)

11.40 The Fugitive (b/w) (1787270) 12.30pm Working Lunch (62725) 1.00 Spot (r) (73472909) 1.05 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (28213657) 1.15 Hollywood's Children (r) (1890367) 2.10 Sport On Friday with racing from Ascot at 2.35, 3.05 and 3.35 and skiing from Austria (779693)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (744) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (928) 5.00 Esther. Murnry's boys (s) 5.30 The Village (899021) 5.55 Turning Points with Christopher Lee (s) (746096)

6.00 The Munsters (b/w). (Ceelax) (563229) 6.25 The New Avengers (r). (Ceeiax) (480744)

7.15 Electric Circus (682744) 7.30 Sounds of the Eightles. An eight-part series of music from the BBC archives. (Ceetax) (s) (657)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport with Tiff Needell and Jeremy Clarkson (r) (8183)



Helen Yemm, centre, and friends (8.30pm)

8.30 Gardening from Scratch. Tips from Heien Yemm on saving a talty lawn (Ceefax) (s) (7218) 9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. Starring Gregor Fisher as the Glaswegian philosopher. (Ceetax) (s) (8926)

9.30 The Fast Show. Comedy sketches (r). (Ceefax) (s)

10.00 The Real McCoy. Comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (35183) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (193909)

11.15 Fantasy Football League. David Baddiel and Frank Skinner are joined by Melvyn Bragg and Alan Davies (s) (272299) WALES: 11.15 Welsh Lobby 11.45 Fantasy Football 12.20 The Rocker 1.15 Film: Jobrnan 11.45 Weather (119980)

11.50 The Rocker: A Portrait of Phil Lynott. A documentary on the life of the leader of rock band Thin Lizzy, who died in 1986, aged 36 (s) (446763) 12.45am FILM: Jobman (1990) stamng Kevin Smith. A powerful drama about the fortunes and lack thereol of deaf and dumb Jobman. Directed by Darrell

#### CHOICE

999 Special: Operation Coathanger

BBC1.9.30pm (Scotland, 10.20pm) One of the plum news stories of 1995, fantastic if it had not happened to be true, made international celebrities of a British woman and the two doctors who saved her of a British woman and the two doctors who saved her life in mid-air. Paula Dixon (played by Sue Scott Davison) was flying back from Hong Kong when she screamed out in pain from a collapsed lung. Shortly before take-off she had changed her flight, a huge piece of luck because her fellow passengers included Professor Angus Wallace, a surgeon and trauma specialist, and Tom Wong, a doctor. Their improvised operation used a wire coat-hanger, a glass of brandy and sticky tape. It is reconstructed in unsparing detail with Dixon and the medics adding their memories of a treatment that could just as easily have killed as cured.

BBC1, 7.00pm (not Scotland)

Meet Phill Jupirus, a man with an appalling criminal record. It is Robson and Jerome singing I Believe. Thank Bob Monkhouse for that little gem, as he referees a new series of the show in which teams of comedians try to outquip each other. The idea for Gag Tag is credited to Tracey Macleod, late of BBC2's The Late Show, but the caption competition is a straight lift. from Have I Got News For You and there are also borrowings from that glorious radio comedy I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue. But if the format is derivative, the gags are fresh and they are delivered by comics such as Jupitus, Billy Pearce and Fred Macaulay whose relative unfamiliarity makes a welcome change from the usual, over-exposed faces.

Gardens Without Borders Channel 4, 8.00pm

Spain and Portugal are the locations as the enthusiastic Yorkshireman Alan Mason launches a third series about continental approaches to gardening. British garden enthusiasts will be hoping to pick up ideas, though differences in climate mean that many of the specimens highlighted by Mason and Will Giles, a botanic illustrator from Norfolk, are unlikely to travel. The obvious exception is the geranium, Spain's favourite plant and a speciality in northern coastal villages. Tonight's programme starts in the Santander region, with one of the country's finest tree collections, and moves to the Costa Brava, ignoring the tourists in favour a cliff-top botanical garden with the Mediterranean as a backdrop.



Jo Brand explores domestic violence (Ch4, 10,30pm)

Jo Brand Through the Cakehole

Channel 4. 1030om You take Jo Brand or you leave her and if you are a man you have to be prepared to duck. "The main victims of crime," she observes. "are young blokes" pause - "so there's something to be cheerful about." But when she defines road rage as men being idiots in cars rather than anywhere else, it is hard to diasgree. Her attacks on the voyeurism of shows such as Crimewatch and Crime Monthly are similarly on target. Brand's stand-up routine, delivered before what looks like a mainly female audience, is interrupted by sketches. These include a return of the Drudge Squad, a witty spoof on police domestic violence teams, and an all-female amateur dramatic society's version of Reservoir Dogs. Peter Waymark

#### 6.00am GMTV (2977928)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4413522) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (6396164)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (1160560) 10.35 This Morning (57301270) 12.20pm London Today and weather (Teletext) (6452909)

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12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (6759831) 12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (6734522) 1.25 Chain Letters. (Teletext) (s) (32193367)

1.55 Shortland Street (64456367) 2.20 The Chrystal Rose Show (s) (18169015) 2.50 High Rosd. (Teletext) (4696541) 3.20 ITN News headlines (2348015) 3.25 London

Today (Teletext) and weather (234738) 3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (2152725) 3.45 Pluto (2140980) 4.00 Zzzapi (2981367) 4.15 Bimble's Bucket (5) (2560788) 4.40 Gladiators (Telelext) (7883947)

5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale (6226096) 5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (561831) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (468675)

6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (276638) 7.00 Family Fortunes. Les Dennis invites the Donnellys from London to take on the Andersons from Hull.

(Teletext) (s) (6589) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (183)

8.00 The Blik Outer When Boulton thes to prove his mettle by arresting a local drug dealer, he is prepared to bend the rules to ensure he gets results.



Selina Scott introduces dramas (6.30pm)

8.30 Eye Spy More real-life dramas recorded on security cameras around Britain, presented by Selina Scott (s) (4744)

9.00 Catherine Cookson's The Tide of Life Episode two of theperiod drama following the fortunes of a young housekeeper at the turn of the century. (Teletext) (s) (3725)

10.00 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (39909) 10.30 London Tonight (743541)

10.40 FILM: Overexposed (1990). Thriller based on a true story. A Chicago woman is conned into thinking her husband is unfaithful. To get her revenge, she starts an affair with the man who provided the information. By the time she realises she has been tricked, her life and marriage are spiralling out of control. Starring Marcy Walker, Dan Lauria, Terence Knox, Taylor Miller Directed by Robert Markowitz (Teletext) (s) (74148589)

12.25am Hotel Babylon Guests include Rachel Hunter, Sadie Frost and Spike Lee, with music from Coolio, the Charlatans and the Nightcrawlers (4962684)

1.05 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (2534435)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (6184058) 3.00 Dear Nick (r) (84597)

4.00 Jones and Jury (r) (18729752)

4.20 Night Shift (Teletext) (49956619) 4.25 Cool Vibes (17816435)

4.35 Not Fade Away (r) (2639042) 5.30 FTN Moming News (29868)

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#### CHANNEL 4

6.35am Think Tank (r) (Teletext) (s) (5040893) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49725)

9.00 Fifteen To One (r) (Teletext) (s) (49386) 9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit (r) (s) (86305)

10.00 FILM: Life Begins at 8.30 (1942, b/w). A dissipated has been, Monty Woolley, relies on the devotion of his crippled daughter, Ida Lupino — until a suitor enters her life. With Comel Wilde Directed by Irving Pichel (95812)

11.30 Living Memory: The 1980s (r) (29522) 12.30pm Sesame Street (71676) 1.30 Camberwick Green (r) (76246218) 1.55 Ballet Robotique (64463657)

2.15 FILM: Halfway House (1944, b/w). A thniler about the supernatural experiences of a number of quests at a remote Welsh inn Starring Glynis Johns and Mervyn Johns, Directed by Basil Dearden (824562)

4.00 Backdate presented by Valerie Singleton (Teletext)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (116) 5.00 Cutting Edge: Car Thieves (Teletext) (r) (s) (6102) 6.00 Blossom: You Did What? (r). (Teletext) (s) (589)

6.30 Moviewatch (r). (Telelext) (s) (541) 7.00 Channel 4 News including at 7.30 headlines and weather (394893)

7.55 Book Choice. (Teletext) (s) (644744)



Garden designer Alan Mason (8.00pm)

8.00 Gardens Without Borders (Teletext) (s) (3251)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (2386)

9.00 Cybil: How Can I Call You My Ex-Husbands If You Won't Go Away Cybill Shepherd is not entirely convinced she has done the right thing when she lets both her former husbands move in with her. doing a nude scene in a film with Enk Estrada and she is not sure if her body is up to it any more. guest appearances from George Hamilton and the voice of Ellen Greene (Teletext) (s) (3096)

9,30 Rising Damp: The Cocktail Hour. Classic boarding house comedy staming Leonard Rossiter.

10.00 Roseanne: Let Them Eat Junk. Wisecracking American comedy senes. (Teletext) (s) (20251) 10.30 John Jo Brand Through the Cakehole: Violence (Teletext) (s) (471299)

11.05 FILM: Who Shot Patakanoo? (1989) Romanto story set in 1950's Brooklyn follows a Romeo and and an upper-crust college girl — Sandra Bullock in only her second film. Directed by Robert Brooks

1.05am FILM: He Ran All the Way (1951). Powerful and tense gangster thriller staming John Garfield in his final film. Directed by John Berry. (9390139)

2.25 Green Cop Rocker By day, Chins Byrne is a second-generation Irish cop who patrols between 9th and 12th Avenues on New York's West Side. At night, he dons dark glasses and an earmig to sing and play the Uileann pipes in Manhattan's hippest band, Black 47 (r) (s) (7599955) Ends at 3.00

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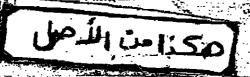
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FRANCE SHUFFLE \*
THE PACK FOR ENGLAND MATCH

# Robson heads England wanted list as hunt narrows



gave notice to the Football Association that he will give up the England coaching job in June, the serious business of securing a successor began. In essence, the FA wants a clone of the incumbent, preferably a Venables Mark II with clean hands when it comes to courts. vendettus and litigation.

Listening yesterday to the musings of Graham Kelly, the chief executive and the only senior figure guaranteed to be in position when the changeover takes place, one is closer to envisaging the wanted advertisement. It must, it seems, be an Englishman.

'We would hope we have an ideal candidate who is English and has played international football for England," Kelly said. That, at a stroke, rules out Howard Wilkinson, Ron Atkinson, Roy Evans ... and Johan Cruyff, whose soured that he may be a free agent at the moment that England needs a new

In addition, there is no question of the FA moving old bones with sufficient speed to elect its new chairman before they elect the man who will work for him. Thus Sir Bert Millichip, scheduled to retire at 82 in the same hour that Venables goes voluntarily, will be the key man with the casting vote on the small committee that is now surveying the field of likely candidates.

Sir Bert did not attend the press conference announcing Venables's decision — neither, for that matter, did Venables - but the old gentle man, together with Kelly. Noel White and Jimmy Armfield, who is again to be deployed as headhunter, will be at the heart of the selection process.

Rob Hughes believes that realistic contenders

to succeed Terry Venables are thin on the ground

those outside the members whom Venables alluded to as being "wobbly" when he needed strong support, is convinced that the Venables methods of training and selection are the way forward. Given that Kelly would like the appointment before the European championship begins and that Lancaster Gate envisions the new man working inside the camp by then, the options narrow dramatically.

There is admiration for the way Venables has thought of the future, for his induction into the coaching team at Bisham Abbey of Bryan Robson, who not only played for England 90 times but was their Captain Marvel, and for Ray Wilcoached the under-21s. Apprentices in the managerial game they may he, yet their supporters will point to the fact that Franz Beckenbauer led Germany to win the World Cup without having managed at club level. Robson, apparently with an escape clause permitting his release from Middlesbrough should England call, is therefore the new favourite and Venables has already offered him any help or advice he

This notion of the new man working alongside the European effort, has dangerous compotations. Imagine if Kevin Keegan, who appeared to rule himself out yesterday, or Gerry Francis, the two most

to take what Venables initially described as football's "major honour". What if either of them felt Venables's decision to build the squad around the fragile Gascoigne was inappropriate? What if Keegan were to prefer Ferdinand, with his extra pace and leaping power, to Shearer? What if either felt Le Tissier had not been given a fair chance when his form was the most creative in England? What if they felt that McManaman, one of the young bloods put into the England side by Venables, was wasted by

being obliged to patrol the left flank?
All legitimate questions, surely.
Football is a subjective game, but, if an outsider were to come in before Euro 96 and were not to be this clone of Venables, then his views might actually be harmful to the immediate purpose of England doing as well as possible in the We should all, pleads the FA. get behind Venables in his final months as England saviour. David Davies, the director of public affairs, was making that request inside Lancas-ter Gate on Wednesday, at the very time that Venables was departing by a rear entrance.

His company Jaguar slipped away beneath the electronic gate. the rest of the press photographers surprised and stranded, while his passenger was a journalist from a popular newspaper to whom Venables had revealed his intent even before it was confirmed to his

As I feared, no matter how credible his work with footballers, the England coach has become a divisive figure.

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England draw level in series

# Hick onslaught paves way for dash to victory

FROM SIMON WILDE IN BLOEMFONTEIN

BLOEMFONTEIN (South Africa won toss): England beat South Africa by five wickets

ENGLAND'S cricketers lifted themselves out of their trough of despair by successfully chasing a target of 263 to win the second one-day international against South Africa here last night. The win, with nine balls to spare, was their first over the full South Africa side on the tour and the first time they had won batting second under floodlights since the World Cup four years ago.

was Graeme Hick, who set them on the way to their target with a scintillating 55 from 42 balls, having earlier taken two wickets and conceded only 38 runs in his ten overs in conditions that heavily favoured the batsmen.

Once again, England were indebted to Michael Atherton, whose 85 from 110 balls took them to within 65 of their target and won him the manof-the-match award. He also captained his side in the field more astutely than in losing the first match in Cape Town.

He and his bowlers were under severe pressure after South Africa got away to a flying start and they managed to pull the situation round.

Graham Thorpe also played an invaluable innings. He shared a partnership of 90 in 17 overs with Atherton and held firm when Ramprakash and Fairbrother were subsequently out in quick succession. Ramprakash had another miserable experience, run out brilliantly by Rhodes for only a single after three noughts in succession.

runs and linished with 72 from 85 balls, was helped in the closing stages by Stewart, who dropped down the order. England made another change in strategy to play six specialist batsmen at the expense of an ali-rounder. Reeve, and the move was vital to the outcome. England's task was not

made easier by floodlight failure during the 24th over of their innings, halting play for 40 minutes.

Things could barely have gone worse for England in the early stages. On a day of

sweltering heat, they again demned them to bowling and fielding during the hottest period of the match. This played its part in their descent into raggedness and confusion after DeFreitas and Cork had experienced luckless opening spells, but the main cause was

the dean hitting of Snell. With Hudson also in fluent touch, the score was 82 for no wicket when the first 15 overs were complete. A total of 300 looked more probable than possible. Martin and White sustained the most severe punishment, Martin's first two overs costing 21, White's first three 20.

The flood of runs was stemmed by England's two slow bowlers, Smith, who flighted the ball expertly, and Hick, who broke the opening partnership of 116 in 23 overs by removing Snell for a careerbest 63. Later, he dismissed Hudson, but, by then, McMillan had established himself through some outrageous im-

provisation. It was Martin's removal of McMillan for 44 in an accurate spell that set South Africa off on an unconvincing search for an unbeatable total and made them rue the absence of Cullinan, who pulled out of the match at the eleventh hour

with a strained call. Initially, Kallis and Cronje kept the score moving, but Cronje's slogging was so rustic that it was likely to be shortlived. When he heaved and missed at a straight ball from Cork, it started a collapse that saw five wickets fall in the space of 23 balls. In the end. South Africa nad to be content with a total of 262 for eight and England had accomplished a worthy recovery.

Most heartening was the way Cork and Smith, in only his second match for his country, bowled at the death.

BY PAT GIBSON

THE cricket world was in a

spin yesterday after a Hong

Kong-based professor had been called in to decide once

and for all" whether Muttiah

Muralitharan, the controver-

sial Sri Lanka off spinner, is a

Muralitharan, who was

born with a bent arm. has

been no-balled for throwing

14 times in two matches by

two Australian umpires, Dar-

rell Hair and Ross Emerson.

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Terry Prue could not see

anything wrong with his ac-

tion. To complicate the issue

further. Emerson even no-

balled Muralitharan when he

switched to bowling leg breaks, which is thought to be

physically impossible if the

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Sri Lankan umpire who suc-

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country's name when they

were accused of tampering

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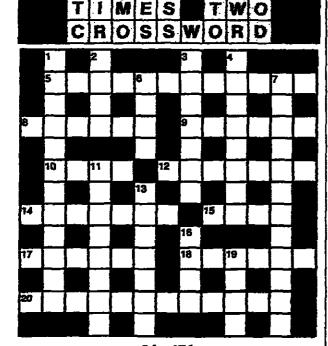
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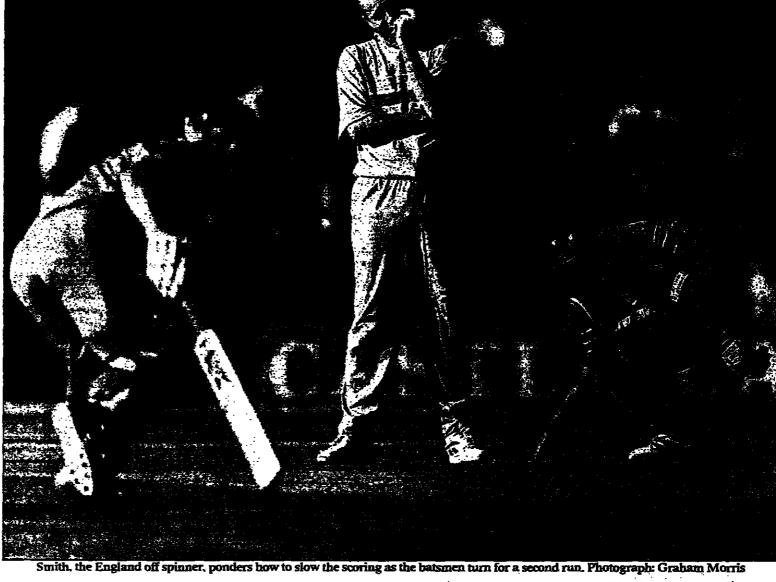
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he struck for fours. afterwards, he reached his fifty off just 33 balls, with nine

delivery.

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in a fremetic half-hour, 50 runs were added of which Hick's share was 43. Shortly

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categorically whether there is

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chuckers in the game's history

did not throw every ball. They

only did it when they were

striving for extra pace. like lan Meckiff, of Australia, who

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four times in one over and

never played first-class cricket

again, or when they were

extracting the most vicious

spin like Tony Lock of Eng-

land, who was horrified to see

a film of himself and refined

Are umpires to be equipped

with laptops so that they can

monitor every delivery? Can

contputers be programmed to

adjudicate on whether a batsman is out leg-before?

Fortunately, it should not

come to that. The Internation-

al Cricket Council (ICC), the

game's ruling body, has turned down Sri Lanka's re-

quest for a final ruling on

his action.

the laws of cricket.

Science applied to suspect action

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cause it would be tantamount

to instructing umpires not to

no-ball him and so give him

licence to do what he likes.

"That is not what the game is all about," David Richards,

the ICC chief executive said

"We have said that it is the Sri

Lankan board's responsibility

to make a decision on his

future selection and whatever

corrective action, if any, is

needed. If this kind of testing

helps them to make a deci-

According to the laws: "A

ball shall be deemed to have

been thrown if, in the opinion

of either umpire, the process

of straightening the bowling

complete, takes place during

that part of the delivery swing

which directly precedes the ball leaving the hand. This definition shall not debar a

bowler from the use of the

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sion, then so be it."

# New! The Best

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McMBen 7-0-46-1 (rb. 1; 3-0-27-0, 4-0-19-1); Donald 10-1-44-0 (6-1-29-0, 2-0-6-0, 2-0-9-0); Grostle 7-0-32-1 (4-0-14-1, 2-0-10-0, 1-0-8-0);

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# Clintons 'facing bankruptcy' over huge legal bills

PRESIDENT and Mrs Clinton's huge legal costs have put them "on a collision course with bankruptcy", a leading American financial publication reported yesterday.

The Clintons have so far run up more than \$2.1 million (£1.36 million) in lawyers' bills while fighting Whitewater charges and the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, said Money magazine.

However, their legal defence fund - which cannot actively solicit contributions has raised only about \$865,000, and their net worth of nearly \$700,000 in 1992 was now nearly zero. Were it not for the defence fund and the forbearance of their \$400-anhour lawyers, "the First Family could be broke already", The legal bills are killing them, said one presidential

adviser, but the magazine did note that the Clintons would have great earning power after leaving office.

Mr Clinton was last night

reparing to defend his embattled wife at his first fullscale White House press conference since last August. Tonight, he flies to Bosnia for high-profile visit to US troops that the White House hopes will divert attention from the controversies presently engulfing Mrs Clinton.
A new CBS television poll

showed the number of Ameri-

And Other Lessons Children

Teach Us, named after an

African proverb and the first

volume from the pen of Mrs

Clinton which arrived on

America's bookshelves yester-

day, had been designed to

counterbalance an image as

hot-tempered harridan and

prepare the way for her hus-

band's re-election. Mrs Clin-

ton is unlikely to view a

Mrs Clinton has said it was not she but the colleague, Richard Massey, who secured the bank as a client, but Mr Massey told the televised hearings he could not recall the precise circumstances.

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cans who regard the First Lady favourably had dropped

from 59 to 47 per cent in a

week, and respondents, by 49

to 29 per cent, believed she participated in a Whitewater cover-up, Analysts suggested

she was becoming a liability to

her husband as he embarks on

his re-election campaign. The Senate Whitewater

committee was yesterday grill-

ing one of her former col-leagues at Little Rock's Rose Law Firm in a bid to resolve

conflicting accounts of how

much work she did for the

corrupt bank at the heart

of the Whitewater affair whose

owner was the Clintons'

At the same time, new documents surfaced to bolster an assertion by David Watkins, a former White House aide, that Mrs Clinton personally ordered the unwarranted sacking of the seven-man travel office in 1993. This directly contradicted her claim that she had no role.

The new documents included a chronology of events prepared by Thomas "Mack" McLarty, then White House Chief of Staff, "May 16 - HRC pressure," he wrote three days before the dismissals.

Six of the travel office employees were later exonerated and reinstated. The seventh, Billy Dale, lost his job and spent \$500,000 on legal fees before a jury took less than two hours to acquit him of embezzlement. Republicans say the episode destroys Mr Clinton's claim to be the champion of ordinary Americans who work hard and play by the rules.

(raspberry) by allegedly using a jail telephone to run a confidence trick.

instead. Posing as a policeman, he apparently told whoever answered that family member had been arrested and that bail should be posted at once. Victims of the sting were instructed to wire money to a Western Union office where an accomplice was waiting, say prosecutors. The confidence trick, conducted over several months, brought in \$23,000 (£14,900).

"he could have been a successful trial lawyer". A police witness said the patter also had an impact on his ed a telephonic romance. They wed

maximum sentence of 80 years for the

sting, to be added to the 25 years he may receive for armed robbery when he is sentenced.

pleaded guilty to setting brush fires in July to create work for her firefighter son was sentenced to 120 days in jail. Judge Roger Kosel also sentenced Charmian Glassman, 60, of Mount Shasta to five years' probation and ordered her to pay restitution to the California Department of Forestry and



court, where he was charged with the murder of a British tourist. James Smith. 69, of Prestwick, Ayrshire, was stabbed to death in the main street last week



Trent Strader, 40, gestures towards his lawyer during a hearing in a Las Vegas

#### Blizzard whips up Washington shopping frenzy FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON WASHINGTON returned to a latest weather forecast also semblance of normality yesappeared to have upset Washington's emergency services. all of whom were bickering weeks as federal workers went over an apparent inability to back to their offices and the deepest snowdrifts started to clear the capital's streets of snow. Marion Barry, the Mayor, gained a sympathet-But beneath this veneer, chaos continued to reign in the ic" response from the Clinton American capital and any Administration after declarcelebration among its workaing a state of emergency and calling for federal assistance in road clearing. holic population was short-lived as the National Weather

for the first time in days.

"Not in my 21 years working here have I seen anything resembling this," said Rick

Makely, manager of the Giant

supermarket in West Spring-

field. "It is frenzied. The

customers' patience has obvi-

ously worn thin. They're fight-

ing over loaves of bread and

Even the ordered food halls

of the "social" Safeway in

middle-class Georgetown re-

sembled a go-kart track as

residents, frustrated by being

confined to their homes and

the inability to shop for grocer-

ies, careered their shopping

empty-handed.

Service predicted another bliz-What is becoming known as the First Blizzard of '96 is zard and more heavy snow last night. The shutdown, caused by the budget impasse costing eastern states as much as \$10 billion (£6.4 billion) in and then the storm, may be in lost production and \$7 billion effect once more today. in lost sales, according to A stampede for the shops estimates issued yesterday by DRI/McGraw Hill, the had started earlier, with reeconomic consultancy. ports of ugly battles in the aisles at better stocked super-

Winter may be only weeks old, but many states reported markets throughout the city after snowbound Washingthat their snow removal budionians went in search of food gets for the year were already exhausted. Maryland said the storm could cost as much as The usually polite and orderly check-out queues be-came scenes of unseemly \$48 million and the clean-up disputes and some shoppers to run as high as \$21 million in said they had gone home overtime and lost revenues.

Shifting drifts from the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey, the country's largest commuter toll road, required 500 workers, 4,900 tonnes of salt and more than 400 vehicles at a cost of \$2 million.

The brief break in the weather did allow rangers in Shenandoah National Park to rescue three men and their children from a cabin buried under snow. It had taken them two days by snowplough to reach the six.

Last night, weathermen were forecasting a major storm early next week that could again close airports in trolleys around the aisles. The

## First Lady tries to turn over new leaf

By Tom Rhodes

THE truth according to Hillary Clinton is one of soft-focus motherhood, of breastfeeding and schooling, religious service and family values. In short, the book obscured by the latest round of Whitewater allegations offers a selfportrait markedly at odds with the image of a First Lady branded a congenital liar. She reminisces fondly

about her grandfather's anec-dotes of childhood among the lace mills of Co Durham, provides a charming vignette of a two-year-old Chelsea biting her inattentive father on the nose, explains how the couple visited a fertility clinic in their impatience to have a child and even intimates how close they have come to

This is surely not the same Hillary Clinton who hid details of her work for Madison Guaranty, the bank at the centre of the Whitewater scandal, the woman accused of lying to federal investigators or the First Lady involved in the firing of White House

indeed. It Takes a Village,

forthcoming book tour through the moral heartland of America with much relish. Each story reveals not an ambitious lawyer wishing to crown herself effectively as

Vice-President, but an engaging, level-headed woman who has spent a lifetime focusing on the needs of children, in particular those of her "I have spent much of the past 25 years working to improve the lives of children." she writes. "But no experience brought home the lesson as

In an interview being broadcast tonight, Mrs Clinton puts on a brave face. "Occasionally I get a little distressed, a little vividly as becoming a mother myself. When Chelsea Vicsad, a little angry, irritated," she says. "That's only natural. But I know that's part of the toria Clinton lay in my arms territory and we'll keep ploughing through and trying for the first time. I was overwhelmed by the love and responsibility I felt for her."

# Armed robber 'runs phone con trick' from US jail

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

A PRISON immate in New York blew officials a spectacular "Bronx cheer"

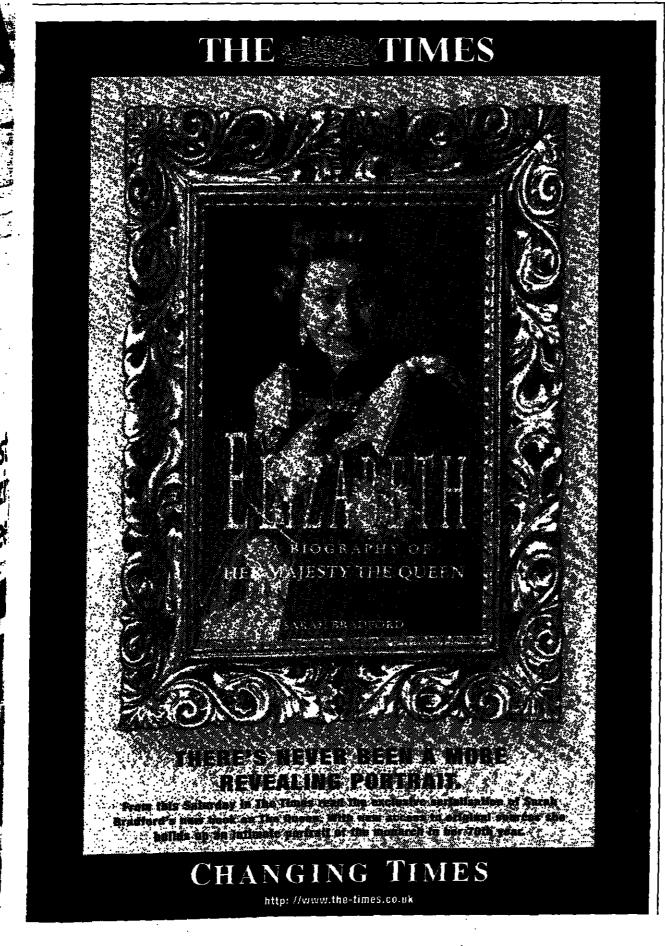
Raymond Sanabria, 31, an armed robber, used a public telephone at Rikers Island jail. Telephones are provided for immates to talk to relations and lawyers, but Sanabria is accused of dialling random numbers

Robert Morgenthau, the Manhattan District Attorney, said that Sanabria was astonishingly plausible, so fluent accused had missed his vocation as a telesales executive. Sanabria's silken personal life: one of his potential victims was a husky-voiced young woman with whom Sanabria conduct-

recently in the Rikers Island chapel. Sanabria, accused of grand larceny and criminal impersonation, faces a

☐ Yreka: A Californian woman who

the US Forest Service. (AP)



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FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

CHRIS PATTEN, Hong Kong's Governor, yesterday challenged Peking not to establish a "counterfeit" Legislative Council here and vowed to continue to call for democracy and the rule of law.

Earlier, British officials in Peking had enthused about an improvement in Sino-British relations after three days of talks between Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Chinese ministers. It was difficult to see, however, what had been achieved.

Despite the high hopes raised by Mr Rifkind's first visit to China, and the gloss he put on his meetings with Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister, it was clear last night that little progress had been made on the two main points at issue: the retention of the Legislative Council after the transfer of sovereignty in June 1997, and a greater role

The point was reinforced yesterday when Mr Qian said

rive Council in 1997 was not

Mr Patten, meanwhile, speaking on Hong Kong's government radio station, questioned whether Peking ntended to set up a fairly elected legislative body or "a cardboard cut-out, or a counterfeit"

The remark will outrage Peking, which describes Mr Patten's constitutional changes, including the elected council, as a violation of British-Chinese agreements on the political structure of the colony in the run-up to 1997. Peking says it will establish a "provisional council" on July 1. 1997, and hold elections for a substitute body at a later date.

On the question of raising important issues. Mr Patten said: "I will continue to speak up for the rule of law and freedom of speech." He said he intended, courteously, to con-tinue to debate political matters with the Chinese, insisting that acquiescence would mean

After what Mr Rikfind described as a "substantive" 70-minute meeting with President Jiang Zemin - 30 minutes longer than scheduled he told reporters: "I was pleased to hear him give repeated emphasis to the importance China attached for the autonomy of Hong Kong and its determination to re-

spect that autonomy."

Asked about the Legislative Council, Mr Rifkind said: That position has not changed . . . I believe it would be of considerable damage to confidence in Hong Kong if the council was dismantled and we hope the Chinese Government will reflect on that matter".

☐ Bush plea: The former US President George Bush has called for a new dialogue with China. Talking in Hong Kong after meeting Chinese leaders in Peking, he warned against American isolationism as China develops into a world power. (AFP)



The shuttle *Endeavour* streaks skyward yesterday from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, leaving the city of Cocoa Beach on the right. A crew of six will undertake a nine-day satellite retrieval and scientific mission

#### Dissident warns of threat to Dominica

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Saudi dissident, Dr Muhammad al-Masari, facing deportation from Britain, gave a warning yesterday that his arrival in Dominica would endanger safety on the Caribbean island.

Speaking shortly after handing in his appeal papers contesting the order by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. Dr Masari said he fully agreed with Rosi Douglas, the opposition leader in Dominica, that his presence on the island would be a threat to its safety. He said Dominica had only 300 police, who could not stop a mercenary force of 50 to 60 people who might be sent to

"The country is simply too small," Dr Masari said. He had discussed the issue with Mr Douglas during his visit to Britain on Tuesday and noted that the opposition would move a vote of no-confidence

in the island's Government. Dr Masari, an Islamic activ-ist, also denied a report in today's Jewish Chronicle that he had links with an Islamic group in Britain which had

"breaking promises to the people of Hong Kong". that abolition of the Legisla-Letters, page 17 Escort Cabaret. family car. (Allegedly.)

At first glance the Cabaret would seem to be the ideal choice for all those family outings.

What with central double locking, electric front windows and an anti-theft alarm it's certainly not lacking in refinement. But look a little closer.

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the rear spoiler and sport style bumpers. Notice how they're colour coded to match the metallic body paint<sup>††</sup>(Just one of six colours available.)

Be under no illusions. The Cabaret is more than just an average family salcon.

Under the bonnet is a Zetec 1.5i, 16 valve

engine. Although we've a choice of 14i or 18 Turbo diesel if you prefer.

But with an on the road price of £12,200 (a mere £11,600 for the 14i), this sporty edition could be the most sensible family car you're ever likely to buy.



## Socialists take on Tokyo's poisoned finance chalice

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

JAPAN announced a conservative-dominated Cabinet yesterday under Ryutaro Hashi-moto, the new Prime Minister, with key posts for the Liberal Democratic Party and finance going to the Socialists.

The post of Finance Minister has always been regarded as one of the most powerful positions. However, recent fi-nancial scandals and problems, including a government plan to use nearly 700 billion yen (£4 billion) in taxpayers' money to liquidate financially troubled housing loan firms, has taken the lustre off the

Mr Hashimoto is known to have offered the post to nu-merous senior LDP politicians, but they all turned it down. The Liberal Democrats . have taken on the key posts of

The strategic block of parlia-mentary votes held by the Socialists ensured the party a strong representation in the previous coalition administration. The portfolios of finance and defence were regarded as too sensitive to be given to the

Wataru Kubo, the secretary general of the Socialist Party. agreed to take the finance post, reportedly on the basis that he will also serve as Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr Hashimoto appointed Yukihiko Ikeda, a former Defence Minister and LDP colleague, as Foreign Minister. Mr Ikeda will have to face the difficult task of handling Ja-pan's relations with the Uni-ted States, amid growing opposition from the southern island of Okinawa to the

## Hashimoto victory seals tilt to Right

By PAUL CARTER

THE election of Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Liberal Democratic Party leader, as the Prime Minister of Japan consolidates the success of rightwing forces.

With the main opposition

New Frontier Party led by Ichiro Ozawa, a former LDP strongman, the political situation is akin to having Michael Portillo and John Redwood in charge of the two main parties in Britain. This renewed entrench

ment of the Right is extraordinary for, after the general election of July 1993, the 38-year period of continuous LDP rule ended and power was assumed by an eightparty coalition intent on changing the direction of poli-ties and breaking what had become one-party dominated rule. What went wrong?

Part of the answer lies with the split in the LDP which precipitated the 1993 election, prompted by the younger members impatience with the septuagenarians who ran the party. It was Mr Ozawa who passionately argued the need for change and initiated what became known as the futsu no kuni or "normal country" debate. To Mr Ozawa, "normal country" equates with one which can defend itself independently.

The strong-arm tactics and backroom defection deals of Mr Ozawa eventually led to the formation of the 170member New Frontier Party which last year proved its ability as a credible fighting force when it won 54 of the 84 seals on offer in the Upper House elections. Since 1993 the Socialists have been bounced between coalitions like a political football, eventually forming an unusual alliance with the LDP under the temporary caretaker prime ministership of Tomiichi Murayama, During this time, to make their mar-

riage to the LDP work and in

the hope of engaging the electorate's trust, the Social-

ists recanted all of their key

policies. After the resignation

on the Security Council

of Mr Murayama and the

sidelining of the Socialists, the Right has again reasserted itself in government under Mr Hashimoto. Moreover, now the leadership of the two main parties has skipped a generation,

Japanese politics is faced with the relatively youthful Mr Hashimoto, aged 58, and Mr Ozawa, 53. The desire for change which led to the initial split of the LDP is still apparent, with both leaders being vocal in their support for Japan's claim of permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council. and both arguing for constitutional change. With the Socialists side

lined a political scenario has arisen where two conservative parties vie for power. Mr Ozawa and the Right have clearly won the "normal country" debate. Whether this result was serendipitous or sheer Machiavellianism on the part of Mr Ozawa, the emergence of two main conservative parties and the expectation of high Socialist Party losses in the next election does raise fears about the legitimacy of a democracy whose opposition and governing party is represented by a conservative block with few if any balancing factors. Paul Carter researches Japa-

nese politics at the Centre for International Studies, Universuy of Combridge.

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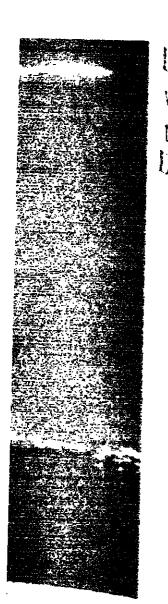
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## German economy renews fears over single currency

From Charles Bremner in brussels

FRESH proof of trouble in the German economy yesterday increased a wave of pessimism that has spread this week through continental capitals over the prospects for achieving the launch of a single

European currency.
Fears that Germany, the anchor of the planned curren-cy, could fail to meet the conditions for entry in the economic and monetary union (EMU) sharpened with its report of a meagre 1.9 per cent growth last year and predictions by economists that worse would come this year.

Most embarrassing for Germany was the confirmation that it failed last year to live up to the Maastricht ceiling on budget deficits. Its shortfall was 3.6 per cent of gross domestic product, compared with a 3 per cent limit in the "Maastricht criteria". On Monday, France reduced its official growth fore-

casts in the face of a

A European Commission survey shows that 65 per cent of Britons believe the pound will be replaced by the euro early next century. Monetary union is backed by 38 per cent and opposed by 55 per cent. The public were far less Euro-sceptical than their Government.

slowdown, while some experts wrote off French hopes of meeting the "Maastricht criteria", the strict terms which must be achieved next year to qualify for EMU entry. "It is now certain that France will not be ready." Liberation, the pro-European Paris daily newspaper, said yesterday. "Barring a miracle, the plan for passage to the single currency ... will not work." Evidence of the downturn in

France and Germany is heightening anxiety in the European Commission and

ministries, where officials have been striving to keep up the confident front adopted in Madrid last month when European Union leaders baptised the euro currency and fixed the timetable for the EMU launch on January 1. 1999. It is becoming more likely that leaders will soon have to breach the taboo they imposed on themselves and review options for a delay beyond 1999.

Privately, even officials in federalist states acknowledge that a delay of a couple of years would relieve the pressure building everywhere, except in Luxembourg, as a result of the rush to the EMU deadline. Supporters of the single

currency could extract comfort from the publication yesterday of the Commission's annual survey of public opinion. This found that support for the EU had stopped falling over the past couple of years.



Russian soldiers move artillery up to the village of Pervomaiskoye yesterday as Chechen guerrillas threatened to start killing their hostages

## Russian police escape from Chechen captors

FROM CARLOTTA GALL NEAR PERVOMAISKOYE

FOUR Russian special forces officers escaped last night from the village where they were among more than 100 hostages being held captive by Chechen guerrillas, Tass news agency

Quoting the Russian Interior Minis-

try, it said that the four managed to make it back to the lines of Russian troops encircling Pervomaiskoye. The police, all members of Omon special forces, were among 37 seized by the guerrillas who were making their way back to Chechenia in buses after raiding the neighbouring town of Kizlyar. Earlier yesterday, a column of armoured personnel carriers and

lorries moved towards the Dagestan village where the fighters and their captives have been halted. The Chechen fighters threatened to start shooting captives if the heavy armour went closer than 100 yards. Towards evening they and the hostages were dispersed among different houses. It emerged during the day that the Chechens were holding about 100 people from the village. Moscow security experts said the Russians were probably preparing to storm the buses. Casualties from three days of the crisis stand at more than 20 dead.

The Chechen rebel President, General Dzhokhar Dudayev, said that the hostage seizure could be the start of a terror campaign inside Russian



Dini: faced defeat

#### Italian leader resigns again

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

LAMBERTO DINI, the Prime Minister of Italy, yesterday offered his resignation to President Scalfaro for the second time in a fortnight. deepening the political erisis marring the country's E

pean Union presidency. Signor Dini announced his decision at the end of a threeday debate in the lower house of parliament on the future of his Government of technocrats. He previously offered his resignation to President Scalfaro on December 30. fulfilling a promise he made

to parliament last year.
The President refused to accept it and sent him back to partiament to see if he could secure a majority to carry on. But in the debate in the lower house, both the Centre-Right and extreme Left parties vowed to support a motion of no-confidence. Signor Dini evidently preferred to resign

to avoid a humiliating defeat.
The technical government over which I have presided has exhausted its duties," Signor Dini said to applause from MPs. "Now a new phase of political life can begin." The public RAI television

said the President might again refuse his offer of resignation and give Signor Dini an "exploratory mandate" to see whether he can form a new government.

#### **Falklands** claim not believed

London: Three-quarters of Argentinians do not believe that their country will win sovereignty over the Falkland Islands during the presidency of Carlos Menem, according to a poll commissioned by an Argentine think-tank (Michael Binyon writes).

The December poll of 1,000

people showed that 76 per cent believed President Menem would not gain sovereignty. He made this a central plank of his recent re-election campaign. The more educated the respondents, the less likely they were to believe him.

Andrew Gurr, Chief Executive of the Falklands Government, said the islanders knew that much of what was said about sovereignty was rheto-ric, "but it is gratifying to note that this is seen as rhetoric by the Argentine people".

#### Atlanta danger

Washington: Atlanta, site of nis years Olympic the most dangerous American city in terms of crimes such as murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, according to a private survey. (Reuter)

#### Journalist freed

Lagos: Nigeria has freed on bail a British journalist after charging him with possessing seditious material, diplomats said. Paul Adams, of the Financial Times, had been detained for a week. (Reuter)

#### Force allowed

Jerusalem: Israel's High Court of Justice decided to allow interrogators to use force against a Palestinian suspected of involvement in a bombing last year that killed 21 Israelis. (Reuter)

#### Angler bitten

Konakovo, Russia: When an angler celebrated catching a 28 in pike by giving it a kiss, it bit back. Its jaws stayed tightly locked on his nose, even after friends cut off its head, until doctors removed it. (AP)

## Serb leaders speed Sarajevo exodus

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

SEPARATIST Bosnian Serbs. whose leadership has been threatening an exodus from Serb-held areas around Sarajevo, stepped up the pace of their departure yesterday. moving out their belongings, digging up relatives remains and scorching the earth behind them.

On a hill above Grbavica from which Serb forces shelled the Bosnian capital, flames ripped through six homes that had been abandoned because of their prox-imity to the front line. "We weren't living there, but it's better that no one should have the house, no Muslim will get it," said Dragan, a Serb with a wife and baby.

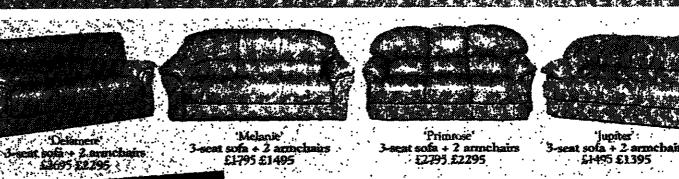
in nearby Hidza, the family of Obrad Popadic, the former commander of the hardline llidza brigade killed in May 1994, exhumed his remains. The fallen commander's wife stood wailing against a tree as the rotted coffin was raised from the earth and placed in a

"His body is going to go, but his spirit will stay here," said Igor Mijetovic, the commander's 28-year-old cousin. "We are leaving to go to Visegrad or Zvornik or somewhere in eastern Bosnia."

Roads leading out of the suburbs — Ilidza, Grbavica, Ilijas, Vogosca and Hadzici are jammed with lorries brimming with household appli-ances and furniture. Cars are packed to the brim, with solas and chairs tied to their roofs.

A feeling of hysteria, fuelled by propaganda from the embittered Bosnian Serb leadership in Pale, has taken hold across the five Serb-held suburbs due to revert to Bosnian government control under the terms of the Dayton peace





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THE **VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW** 

# Biographer Sarah Bradford hopes she's got into the Queen's mind The Queen doesn't think of herself as 'winning hearts'

arah Bradford, alias Viscountess Bangor, publishes her new biography of the Queen in celebration of Her Majesty's seventieth birthday this spring. Forty years ago, as Sarah Malet Hayes, aged 17, she curtsied before the young Queen Elizabeth as one of the last debutantes, "filing past dress with guipure lace, long

white gloves and an awful hat". Now she is a grandmother a tall, handsome woman of 57 with a patrician voice and an agreeable tendency to find things hilarious — "I laugh at almost everything, don't you? supporter of Liverpool FC and author of five thorough, highly respected biographies on a

variety of characterful subjects: Cesare Borgia. Benjamin Disraeli. Sacheverell Sitwell, Princess Grace of Monaco and George VI.

The George book (a portrait of the late King which is lucid, convincing and admirably fair" --Philip Ziegler) went down very well with Her Majesty: a great help when undertaking this book. "The Queen doesn't read books much, except about the horses; but she kept George VI on a table by her desk, and, I'm told, mistakes.'

She was born in Bournemouth — "so dull" — in the bridgeplaying set. "Father was a regular soldier,

very clever, a great reader. introduced me to books; my mother's family were thick as planks. That side didn't expect me to do anything except marry someone with money and a title, with luck."

She achieved the title by marrying in 1976 her second husband, William Ward, now antique shop called Trad. Lord Bangor operates his antiquarian bookselling business from home, hence the chill in the upper rooms of their small house at World's End, with its tiny garden where a nightingale sings at midnight.

While reading history at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, she met her first husband and went off with him to Sardinia. Barbados Ca long way from Bournemouth") and the wild Douro Valley in Portugal.

The Englishman's Wine. in 1969, still regarded as the standard work on port. "There was a terrific hoo-ha over a woman writing about port. I was like Dr Johnson's woman preacher. She was photographed in a glamorous Rive in a beehive.

Then George Weidenfeld "butterfly-netted" her while she was staying with Ronald Tuscan villa, and a new career as a biographer began.

But it is one thing to spend weeks in university libraries in Austin, Boston or Tucson — "I adore archives and papers" to discover, for instance, the late Sachie Sitwell's confessions of affairs in his diaries.

The Queen: "She doesn't court popularity

Or to be told, of Princess

the most enthralling hints, in

her notes on sources and

vate, unpublished memoir

didn't sleep with."

punctual and order-When she was wo, Churchill noted, "She has an air of authority and reflectiveness astonishing in an infant." She also inherited the "canine" looks (Bradford's apposite word) of her grandmother. May of Teck. was

or scandals erupt. Everything

then seemed tickety-boo. "So

much so that when I began,

people would react as they did

when I was writing George VI:

was fascinated by it all - to

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"It isn't an everyday world

in any way. The royals have

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The Queen inherited the duti-

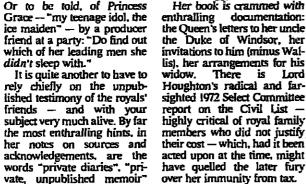
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Victoria, whose vow was "

will be good." Even as a small

child she was disciplined

Mary who decreed royal ladies should not smile. Too awful! Smiling!" she would comment if a regal smile were captured on camera. Hence her own severe mask. "I Mother changed all that. She has a smiling sort of face, while the Queen, on some days, seems to be fixed in her Miss Piggy mode."



and "private information". In the Queen's circle, she found. There is the sad story of people make a frightul fuss Crawfie, much of it about confidentiality, but will from the Beaverbrook agree to talk if it is strictly archive in the House confined to something like the of Lords, including the heartless letters from the Sunday fertility rates of the Queen's Express editor John Gordon. The Express papers were She embarked on the book in 1990 before the junior royal obsessed with royalty, almarriages began to dismantle though Beaverbrook wasn't keen on the Royal Family, and they weren't keen on him either. He had a real vendetta

against Mountbatten." Her Majesty's alleged disaffection with Mrs Thatcher, which caused such a fuss when leaked in The Sunday Times, was, Sarah Bradford found, well sourced, "Weil, they don't like opening hospital wards and then having them shut, and Mrs Thatcher certainly was 'that woman'. They can't have had a single thing in common. The Queen would have approved of Thatcher's patriotism, but then she's very conservative with a small c. She is apolitical like her father, but gets on better with Labour prime ministers than with the Tory ones. She's very intuitive, very

bright on politics." Since Robert Lacey's Majesty book, 19 years ago, writing about royal lives has become commonplace, and an increasingly intrusive spotlight has been turned on them. To write with both authority and dis-

cretion remains tricky Rebecca West said that the monarchy is "a presentation of ourselves behaving well" but. as Ms Bradford says, when the Queen tried to preserve some kind of "normal" life for her children, they began to behave just like their contemporaries, and in some ways worse. So the overall picture of royal family life is not edifying: outsiders in the family get severely tested or frozen out. There is, Ms Bradford says, a naivety about the family's socialising: they end up making terrible connections with appalling people, "blinkered gentry living in Hampshire that's their reality. They make marriages out of propinquity. You only have to live next to them in Norfolk. Nothing propinks like propinquity, as P.G. Wodenouse says.

circle of friends is very striking. They have to get others to the futile beatings of wings draw up lists of suitable people to be invited to their bigger parties. The Queen Mother is rather different: she takes her

"The smallness of the royal

own initiative, she wasn't Bradford. But she does have brought up royal, she's like a social lady of her time and class, which the Queen is not." the most intelligent ladies-inwaiting, and that says a good deal for her, doesn't it? Gathered in one volume, the "Not being allowed to marry Townsend - which might not have been a successful marremorseless stream of family disasters in recent years, the galloping divorces, the raped riage in the end - and not being given a job all had a

lovers - "what Julian Barnes deleterious effect on her charcalled 'the sexual and marital acter really." tomifociery of the Queen's whelps' - the scandals surnd so to the Queen's rounding embarrassing new own marriage. Ms in-laws such as Major Ronald Bradford reasons: Ferguson, the rumolings over ."How can you write paying taxes, the horrors of in this day and age without IRA madmen creating maydiscussing her marriage? Maybe one shouldn't. But to hem, such things might overme it is valid. I did say to an wheim a lesser warnar. And it old friend of hers, look: how could not have happened to a should I handle it?. and he

> made any difference.' That's the key thing really." Did she find herself treading in the tiny questing footsteps of Kitty Kelly? No, because I think with her people really closed ranks, I

"In Edward VII's day the whole point was not to divorce. A woman might expect a man to go messing about but not to treat her badly. Edward was extremely nice to Queen Alexandra, despite Mrs Keppel and Lillie Langury. You treated your wife all the better if you

were having an affair." And she concludes: "Despite

he is a difficult man and the Queen finds him difficult', she adores him and defers to him. which seems all the more strange to observers in that everyone else defers to her. She hopes she has managed to get inside the Queen's mind:

That's the whole point of being a biographer, to know why they think as they do. I do admire her very much — even though I don't go racing, I am not interested in horses, and I can't say we are the same sort of person." Her original conclusion had been that the Queen might be criticised for not interfering enough in her family's problems - "She cannot behave like Queen Victoria did with her children. Princess Anne would never marry the person of her moth-

But, having finished the book last August, she has

found, as other royal historians such as Elizabeth Longford found, that the story has changed almost daily. First came Panorama - "Diana setting out her stall, putting the blame on her husband, letting it be known she would not go quietly." And in Christmas week, just when Sarah was packing to go to Morocco, there was the Queen's letter suggesting that Charles and

Diana divorce. This is in direct contrast to what the Palace had told me: that the Queen will not get involved'. I think she was particularly struck by Diana's saying that Charles was not fit to be a king. And her refusing to go to Sandringham was the final straw. Although the Queen doesn't want to take sides, in the end the monarchy comes first. Divorce has to.

happen sooner or later. I am

glad she has acted. It is her job to look after the monarchy. I'm a monarchist too."
Sarah Bradford ended her six years of work with a strong liking for the Queen. "I find

her totally admirable. And I think there is a lot of affection for her. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Princess of Wales may be the stars, the mega-celebrities. The Queen does not play that game. When outsiders come into the family they have to learn to wave and smile because people like it. The Queen doesn't think that way.

She innately knows how to do the job. She does not court popularity. She does her duty. She is fascinated by people outside, and wants to know what's going on, but doesn't think of herself as winning hearts".



Surah Bradford, biographer of George VI and the Queen, says: "I was fascinated by how this incredibly important woman operates, how she thinks"

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telephone conversations with more upright person. But Her Majesty stands aloof from it said. Well, all I can say is, if he all, a still, small, imperturbhas been unfaithful, it hasn't able voice, carrying on. Only

did she come near to expressing dismay. Prince Charles, in Ms Bradford's view, is "obviously a sweet, goodnatured person, not as clever as he thinks he is. who has been spoiled by his entourage and undermined by his parents". Princess Margaret is boistered by the Queen's support: 'She understood the wilfulness, which was really

in her annus horribilis speech.

delivered with a neavy cold,

against the wall. "Margaret has had a bad press as a spoils, difficult. demanding woman," says Ms

the fact that, as friends admit.

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the Queen and Prince Philip, and what has made it the most loving of royal partnerships

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#### How much prestige is there in being in Who's Who? Julia Llewellyn Smith and Giles Coren find out from the great and the good

om Jones was delighted to be asked. Lenny Henry and Gary Lineker were thrilled to accept. And Terry Venables was probably comforted to know that, whatever the England whatever the England fans may think, Who's Who 1996 considered

Few people turn down an invitation to appear in the big, red book. There are 30,000 entries in the new Who's Who, each selected by a secret committee whose criteria are as mysterious as their

However, not everyone is flattered to be approached. "For some reason, far more women than men never return their entry forms." says a Who's Who spokeswoman.
"Most won't give their reasons, but a few will say, 'Oh no! I'm not important enough"." Women are not the only wallflowers. Other refuseniks include Tiny Rowland and Mick Jagger, who has been sulking ever since the 1960s when the Rolling Stones were in the first



knows, they might be barrow brys next week." Later that day the agent sent round a barrow full of flowers. When Mick Jagger was sent an invitation in 1986, he When the first remodelled

Who's Who appeared in 1897. everyone accepted the invitation for entry that year except for loseph Chamberlain and Lord Salisbury. W.S. Gilbert at first declined to supply his details but when the editor submitted for his approval an entry that read "W.S. Gilbert, journalist, writer of the libretti for Sir Arthur Sullivan's operas", Gilbert immediately completed the questionnaire.

Anne Robinson, the journalist







Michael Dobbs put his phone number in: Germaine Greer avoided arrest: Ken Follett prefers being in

and broadcaster, who was a new entry in 1995 says: "I was shame fully delighted to be asked. I filled in the entry form that they sent me, and thought to myself that this was true recognition for a woman in her own right. When they wrote back to me the name on the envelope was Mrs John Penrose.

There is no good reason to refuse. You can say anything you like about personal details, like your age. I know several television personalities who used to be born

the same year as me, but now seem

to be six years younger."

Michael Dobbs, the author of To Play the King, was another 1995 entry. Until 1994 I was exdirectory because I believed that it protected my privacy. But the

the only people I was being shielded from were my friends, the people I actually wanted to get in touch with me. So now I am in back in the phone book, and I gave all my details to Who's Who, including my home telephone number. A few years ago I suppose I might have been flattered to be asked but the book is so enormous now that it doesn't make you particularly special."

Germaine Greer has said: "Once when I was in Khartoum, I was grabbed by the presidential guard outside President Nimeiry's palace. I protested that I had an appointment with someone in the Government and was only trying to find him. They took me to an office where I was left waiting to be chucked out. Who's Who was on the official's desk, I asked him to look me up, hoping against hope I was in it. He smiled in disbelief but I insisted that he look up the name in my passport, and there I was! Suddenly, there was a reception committee, red carpet, drinks."

en Follett, the thriller writer and Labour Party groupie, has an entry for the first time this year. "Will critics treat me with a bit more respect now? I doubt it," he says. "It is kind of flattering, but it is a terribly snobby list. It is full of aristocrats who have never done a day's work in their lives. And MPs get in even if they are the laziest and most

useless in the Commons. "Its better to be in than out. I suppose. But it doesn't mean much. It is like an ornament on a mantelpiece: a nice thing to have, but of no real use. One good thing that may come of it is that journalists will be able to get my

# Give a woman a good cigar

M arlene Dietrich and Catherine the Great loved it, and now Quentin Letts reports from America that a new generation of women are discovering the pleasures of cigar-smoking

THROATY Marlene Dietrich would have savoured the scene off Park Avenue, New York, the other Monday. It was dusk at the bar of the Waldorf Astoria, and raining Martinis. There must have been more than 300 people in room, mostly thirtysomething good-

lookings, with the women's necklines plunging, thighs flashing. And you know what? At least half were fingering long, sleek cigars.

The Waldorf party, which one could smell a block away, was held to celebrate launch of Smoke magazine, a new glossy devoted to "cigars, pipes, and life's other burning desires". Its publication coincides with an astonishing growth in the American cigar market. Sales of good cigars rose

by 32 per cent in really has the tobacco world sucking on its stogies is the leap in female cigar smokers.

For years, Marlene Dietrich was the only cheroot-smoking woman people could name. At the turn of the century there had been Amy Lowell, the New England poet, Annie "get your gun Oakley and the bank robber Bonnie Parker. They could point to the example of Catherine the Great, who found that a long, strong smoke helped her through the St Petersburg winters. But in more recent times, while it was not uncommon for women to unwrap a cigar, and even cut and toast it under a long match for their amours, rigar smoking was generally left to the men.

A glance around the bar at the Waldorf Astoria the other night showed that things have changed. In one corner stood a couple of flat-stomached beauties, both holding six-inch Dominican Licenciados Toros to their scarlet-touched lips. Through the door walked a raven-haired beauty in a partially open mink coat. She

flared her nostrils and inhaled deeply the thick, cigar-scented air before closing her eyes in ecstasy. To all sides, husky female voices sounded. And down the way from me sat a cool blonde, Lynne Poland, an elbow resting on the par and a newly-lit Montecristo trailing smoke from her lean left hand. Miss Poland, 34, is a spectacular example of the new

by leading cigar merchants as A ravenhaired beauty inhaled :

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the air in

the first six months of last crest of the female cigar movement. Manhattan's Monkey Bar has held an all-dames smoking night, an event repeated at the bar's sister restaurant. Tapika, where the star speaker Emmanualle Marty, French founder of El Subliminado cigars. A chapter of the George Sand Society for cigar

half the members are women.

aramour of Chopin and author of The Haunted Pool, Sand George smoked several cigars a day, partly in line with her "lifestyle as rebellion" campaign, but partly because she grew to like the things, even rely on them. Julie Ross, co-founder of the society's branch in Santa Monica, California, has said that she was attracted by George Sand's "uncompromising individuality and spirit of freedom. She was an outra-

wave of cigar connoisseuse. She has been smoking for ten years, and has been employed

> a sales assistant and executive. She now has her own cigar-importing Poland Enterprises (president: L. Po-land), and says that smoking ci-gars is one of her ways of

New York, a city with no shortage of independent, rich

smokers - named after the cigar-smoking author and pioneering feminist -- has opened in New York, and more than

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For husky-voiced, cheroot-chomping women, the bigger the better is the advice from the cigar lovers. Sales of quality cigars have leapt and more women are smoking them

long considered a part of American life, is an important motivator here. In the past ten years smokers have been releated to second-class citizens. fronically, the anti-smoking campaigners may have given smoking the allure of rehellion. It is also notable that the women's movement, which might normally protest about any health threat to women. has not uttered a word against the growth in female cigar smoking. Cigars are liberat-

ing, a tool of emancipation. The well-established Cigar Aficionado magazine, which Smoke must hope to emulate. recently carried a lengthy essay in praise of cigar aficionadas. Typical of its subjects was Tomima Edmark, a Dallas The spirit of freedom, so businesswoman,

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described the first time she smoked a cigar. She was in Chile and had just returned from a diplomatic dinner.

"I was sitting in the hotel lobby with a group of 12 American businessmen when they, en masse, began lighting up Cuban cigars," she recalled. "I was intrigued by the sight. One of them offered me a cigar, but in a very teasing way, never expecting me to accept." She did accept, however, and although initially she did not like the taste she derived pleasure from the lighting ritual.

She also discovered the effect it can have on the weakerminded sex. A South American man, having watched her amorously for some time, walked up to her and invited her to dinner with the words: "I've been looking all my life for a woman who smokes a cigar." She turned him down - no chat-up line so corny deserves to be rewarded.

European women have been ahead of their American sisters for some time on the cigar front - Denmark is apparently the hot zone for female cigar-smoking - but for tobacco growers it is America, with its large population and its spending habits, that promises the rich returns.

The movement has some star recruits. Linda Evangelista, Whoopi Goldberg, Jodie Foster and Madonna have all lit up, while in Britain we have had the artist Maggi Hambling, The Sunday Telegraph's elegant literary editor Miriam Gross, and Spitting Image's Margaret Thatcher puppet. American women are smoking at the expensive end of the market, choosing gour-met" cigars. In the late 1980s statistics suggested that women formed a mere onetenth of 1 per cent of the cigar marker. In Manhattan today they are reckoned to form close to 5 per cent of it.

At Cigar Aficionado, the growth in the female market has come as a pleasant surprise. When the magazine

started three years ago it expected its readership to be elderly and male. It is, in fact, being read by younger people of both sexes. Simultaneously. a Florida cigar maker plans to introduce a special brand for women. The Cleopatra Collection of cigars have tapered ends, making them easier to light and to hold in the mouth although one suspects that part of the appeal of cigars for some women is their very mas-

For men, the sight of a woman lighting up a Sancho Panza Corona, a Bering Imp-

> The women's movement has said nothing against it

gular can still lead to comic double-takes. Colleen Magil, a writer from Philadelphia, recalled how her cigar habit

once caused a road accident. At some red traffic lights a man in the car next to her stared in disbelief at the stonking great chimney protruding from her lips. In his daze he absent-mindedly lifted his foot from the brake and crunched into the car in front of him. Ms Edmark, toying with a Davidoff Ambassadrice - they have such great names, these cigars, like Fifties cars has noted: "I've never met a man who wasn't sitting there smiling when I lit up. It's a great conversation starter."

A leading Chicago tobacconist, Diana Silvius-Gits, told Cigar Aficionado that women are her trade's "next big market" and that they are fast finding their way around the various brands and cigar types. In general, they tend to go for the milder ones, though size is no guide to the taste of a cigar. Emmanualle Marty likes her own Subliminados. mellowed by brandy, but also smokes Bolivars and Montecristos. Ms Edmark, if out of Ambassadrices, goes for Churchills. "Don't be scared of big ones," she says. Followers of Sigmund Freud have plenty to

discuss here. Lastly, is it attractive? The smell can be a problem. After the evening at the Waldorf Astoria I not only felt as though I had passive-smoked the contents of an entire humidor, but also had to take my suit to the dry cleaner and ask him to set his machine's dial to "industrial". It was the same story at Claridge's last year. after a Cigar Aficionado dinner at which some 900 cigars were lit. A boiler-suited crew of cleaners equipped with factory defumigators were kept busy the entire following day.

The actress Kim Basinger, when shooting Nine and a Weeks, complained about having to kiss her co-star Mickey Rourke, who smokes 40 digarettes a day. It was, she said. "like licking an ashtray. Kissing a cigar smoker can probably be compared to puckering up to a furnace door in the Black Country. The only solution is to take up cigars yourself.

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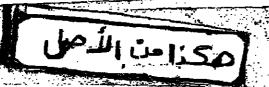
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#### Hellfire is too satisfying an idea to be abolished by Church of England fiat

o the Church of England has ruled that Hell exists and that we shall all face a Day of Judgment. Such Anglican certitude is as welcome as it is unusual. However, the bad news is that it has ruled out the fire and brimstone, and the devils with red-hot toasting-forks. From St Paul to the latest millionaire evangelist, with fleets of Ferraris and doxies (both scarlet) offscreen, hellfire preachers have always frightened the collection out of their congregations by this threat.

Eternal damnation, preferably with the peine forte et dure (in the French torturers' term), and a squillion times more painful than the worst tortures on Earth, is a particularly attractive notion for mankind. Especially if it is used to punish one's enemies - such as the infidel, heathen, and of course rival sectarians. Such sadism goes back long before the jolly Marquis and even Christianity: to Prometheus having his liver eternally transplanted by vulture's beak, Sisyphus rolling his briefcase up the down escalator, and starving Tantalus tantalised by delicious food and drink just out of his reach. Without infernal brutality, such Surrealists as Hieronymus Bosch and Quentin Taran-

tino would find their occupations gone.

And the loud literary form of the hellfire sermon would lose its force. The mythical example is the Wee Free Minister in the Hebrides ranting the fear of God at his congregation: "And in that terrible eternity, when ye are roasting in burning oil, ye will look up and cry, 'Lord, Lord, we didna ken!' And from His throne of infinite maircy, the Lord will look down and say, 'Well, ye ken noo'." The story may even be true on Harris, where they put lobster pots over the cocks on the Sabbath to stop them pleasuring the hens.

But the authentic hellfire sermon was hardly less alarming. Here is the unaptly named Puritan, Christopher Love, in 1650: "When thou art scorching in thy slames, when thou art howling in thy torments, then God shall laugh, and His saints shall sing and rejoice, that His power and wrath are thus made known to thee." And from the other side of the bloody pulpit, here is the royalist fellow of All Souls, Jeremy Taylor: "Hell could not be Hell without the despair of accursed souls; for any hope were a refreshment, and a drop of water, which would help to allay those flames, which as they burn intolerably, so they must burn for ever."

The theological argument against devils with toasting-forks asks why a good God would allow anyone to be deprived of Him, let alone suffer the torments of the damned for ever. Part of the paradox is said to be that it was a generous act to give human beings the ultimate free will of rejecting the good for ever. Some generosity! The Marxist (Groucho) argument goes that a good guy would not want to go to any heaven that would admit him as a member, out of fellow-feeling for those condemned to the other place. The company of Don Giovanni and Julian the Apostate sounds more fun than most of those saints and preachers. popes, Dr Paisleys and martyrs.

It is a literary truism that Satan rather than Adam, Eve, those indistinguishably priggish archangels or even God Himself is the romantic hero of Paradise Lost. You meet a much better class of sinner in Dante's Inferno than in the Purgatorio or Paradiso. That heroic regicide Brutus ends up in the bottom of the freezing pit being chomped by Satan himself. But Dante reserves his love and best lines for such miserable sinners as the lost lovers, Paolo and Francesca, Virgil, and his old tutor, Bruno Latini.

Death is going to be less interesting without the boiling pitch and the screaming devils. But even though the Church of England has ruled hot Hell theologically incorrect, it is too satisfying an idea to go away. Zealots, sadists and nutters will keep it going. Martin Luther was a witty man, though much obsessed with Hell and influenced by the mortal cruelties of the Reformation. He was pestered by a young theologian with the question of where God had been before He created the world. Finally Luther snapped: "He was building Hell for such presumptuous, fluttering and inquisitive spirits as you are." Right on, Martin. Hell is not just other people. It is also strictly for other people.



# The diva with a shadow

t was only a few weeks ago that I wrote, yet again, about the Holocaust. On that occasion I was discussing, first, the mad or evil (or mad and evil) men who deny that the Holocaust ever happened, and next, the much more evil men - yes, there are some - who wallow in the Holocaust, loving and revering Hitler. Hark to the American Gary Lauck, perhaps the most Nazified figure in this entire midden (he is so steeped in Nazism that he has grown a moustache exactly like Hitler's, and although he is entirely American, he deliberately speaks with a German accent): "In my opinion the Jews were treated too humanely. We must never make this mistake again."

So what is there more to say, after that? Two things: the first thing was encapsulated by a Holocaust survivor.
who said, "I believe no culprit should be
allowed to climb into his grave without
being unmasked". And the second thing? The second thing is what I propose to write about today.

I have been rebuked for my belief that and somehow found asylum in Britain should be left in peace, though their victims could find no peace except in the grave. (One of the accused could be seen on television a few days ago; very old and no doubt ready to deny everything.)

When will that tap stop dripping? The answer is a grim one: it will stop dripping when, and only when, every person who has drunk from it or washed in it is dead. Again and again, some elderly man or woman is found to be a survivor of the Holocaust, and it is sometimes a very delicate matter to discover on which side that person lived. But now we have another problem. We have, still living among us, one of those elderly figures — she is just 80 — who cannot be simply categorised as another old and doddery figure, of no importance except to her own family. For this person, you see, is famous. Very famous. Very famous indeed.

True, she is famous only in the musical world, but in that world she still shines above us like the stars, for a star she was throughout her wonderful career. That career was based in Britain indeed, she lived in Hampstead -when, of course, she was not flitting about the world doing her work. In 1979, when her British husband died, having worked tirelessly for her fame, she retired to Switzerland. She is not a recluse by any means; in 1992 she was Elisabeth Schwarzkopf stands accused

of being a Nazi. But what would any of us have done in her position?

decorated by the Queen as a Dame of the British Empire. And now, someone has written and published a book about her and her career.

Tush: there must be a dozen books about her and her career; I have one on my own shelves, and I would feel odd if I hadn't. For you see, the famous person we are discussing is Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, one of the most wonderful opera singers the world has ever heard.

I started with the words "For you see", but you cannot possibly see until I have explained. I said that someone had written a book about Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, and such books

are standard in the operatic world: but satisfied luvvie (and the luvvies in the world of the opera are selfsatisfied indeed; would shudder on seeing such a book as the one that has just been pub-

lished written by Alan Jefferson (who he?) and published by Victor Gollancz. (Gollancz himself died many years ago and his business was long ago swallowed up by Cassell, but the publishing world has a generous and charming practice which leaves intact the imprint of a long-dead publisher.)

Now the book says, in the most vigorous terms, that although Elisabeth Schwarzkopi was indeed a most wonderful singer, size was also a deep-dyed Nazi throughout her entire time in Hitler's Germany and quite possibly after. (There is another way aspect to this story: Gollancz himself would have been horrified twice over to learn that Madame Schwarzkepi was being attacked, once because of her miraculous singing. and second and more important because Gollancz spent thousands of hours on reconciliation between Germany and Britain - indeed, the world.)

And here we are again. But we are no longer talking about the doddery figure with one loot in the grave; we are talking about a musician of genius and her past. And her past, for many people, is more interesting than her genius, particularly for those whose relatives died in the gaschambers. Before you shout me down, kindly listen to this:

I obediently declare herewith: none of my parents or grandparents has ever be-longed at any time to the Jewish religion. or have I ever been married to anybody of non-Aryan descent . . . I vow to be true and obedient to the Führer of the German Reich and people, Adolf Hitler, and to fulfil my duty conscientiously and

That, as you may have guessed, was the form of induction into the Nazi

Party. And that was Elisabeth Schwarzkopf signing on as a fully fledged member. number 7,548,960. Now you can shout. Particularly because there is proof that, after the war, when the Nazis were being sorted out from the innocents, she claimed that she had never

been a member of the Nazi Party, and repeated that lie several times until finally she gave in and told the truth.

ow then; singing beautifully and being a Nazi is not necessarily the same thing, nor the opposite of it. If you made a list of artists - in music, in the theatre, in painting and sculpting, in writing itself - and then counted up the whole number of German artists who carried on their trade after being fully inducted into the Nazi Party, how many would the list contain? And then, after the war, count the number of such figures. Three-and-half, would you say? Where is the ruler that always rules

Elisabeth Schwarzkopf signed up as a Nazi, true to her leader, Adolf Hitler. And what did that mean? That she would, every Saturday, murder a specified number of Jews? Reader, would you like to live between the devil and the deep blue sea? Her signing on as a Nazi meant nothing other than "I want to go on singing". Who shall be so pure and white to say no to Adolf Hitler, when saying no is likely to mean losing a job, and indeed a life. Yes, there were heroes. who died for being heroes; come, Mr Jefferson, with hand on heart, would you swear that if you had a choice between signing on as a Nazi and being hung from a fine wire you would not choose the signature? The trouble with this terrible prob-

lem is that Elisabeth Schwarzkopf learnt to sing, and to sing so beautifully that her singing was heard all over the world. If she had only learnt doubleentry book-keeping, not only would she have had no reason to tell lies about her past, but she would have been much less likely to be obliged to sign up as a Nazi against her will.

How many human relics of the war and the Holocaust are there left? How many prominent persons in the arts and sciences who lived through hell and saw the rainbow in the end? These are no less or more cherishable human beings, for all their prominence. Fear of a dreadful death, in those days, hung over the great and the low together.

Who was Elisabeth Schwarzkopf to change the world? In a sense, and a rather powerful sense, she did change the world, at least in one tiny corner. In my own youth I heard her sing again and again, and the sounds that came from her were not the thud of the jackboot, I can tell you. Come: she signed up on a wicked piece of paper; did that make her wicked? Did she ever push a Jew off the pavement? Did she demand space in the Nazi newspapers to denounce Jews? How often did she go about with members of the Gestapo telling where Jews were hidden?

Take it from me, you pillow-heroes, when your time comes, most of you will suffer just as much trembling of the hands as any ordinary coward like me. Who will demand that Elisabeth Schwarzkopi must be braver than anyone else?

Not me. She was weak, perhaps, and more to the point - she wanted cheers. What artist of the stage doesn't? (I don't think even Haitink would reject them.) But above all, in this story, there hangs one more aspect, and it is this. We cannot measure, let alone understand, what a life in the Third Reich meant. When you and I can understand it, then, but only then, may we rebuke Elisabeth Schwarzkopf. I think the rebuke will be some time coming.

## Are there still two nations?

The North-South

divide is no more,

says Paul Barker

oes the North still exist, in the old sense, as chronicled in a thousand novels and political tracts? Can one still talk about a North-South divide? On Monday. BBC2 begins a nine-part saga, Our Friends in the North — "three decades, four friends and the world that shaped their lives" - which assumes that you can.

Certainly the North-South divide is a phrase still much used by politicians. It was behind the Labour Party's proposals for English regional assemblies, to complement its devolution schemes for Scotland and Wales. Tony Blair has backed off, pending further evidence that local people actually want such assemblies. But if regional divisions are still so great, why don't they show much enthusiasm? Perhaps the North-South divide has gone the way of the dodo and the great auk. Always trust

The starting point of Our Friends in the North is Newcastle upon Tyne in the 1960s, when T. Dan Smith, the local Labour Party boss, said he would do anything to pull the city and its region up by their bootstraps. Newcastle would rival Stockholm: clean tall towerblocks, motorways, new towns. The means mattered less than the ends. Smith and the omnipresent architect-developer, John Poulson, ended up in

jail, for corruption.

The memory of Smith as the selfproclaimed Cock o'the North — and of his equivalent city bosses across Britain — is enough to make anyone pause before thinking that regional baronies are the answer. Such bosses had little heed for aspirations other than their own: biggest was always best. A Labour spokesman recently confessed to me that he worries that if his party forms the next government, it will be off again, thinking that all it need do is build, build, build, like those old city bosses, as if bricks and mortar alone would create the New Jerusalem.

t sometimes seems that all that is left of Smith's flawed ambition is a Scandinavian-style City Hall in Newcastle, and depressed, work-less Tyneside and Teesside towns linked by fast, empty roads. Newcastle vies with Manchester for the title of car theft capital of England. Cleveland (that is, Middlesbrough) is better known for child-abuse than for its old steelmaking industry. But things are never

England has changed over the past generation in ways that men like Smith never foresaw. Undeniably, regional disparities exist. One yardstick of prosperity is that fewer people in the North have cars. One yardstick of achievement is that pupils do less well in their GCSEs. But on many measures, North and South have become more closely knit.

For innumerable northerners (myself included), the thing to do was simply to get out. There was room in the South. But the transformation of the economy from industry to services has changed all that. A third of schoolleavers across Britain now take degree courses. Nowadays, not all graduates feel they have to take the next train to London. Jobs to suit them have grown up everywhere.

Measured in miles, the North may still be as far as ever from the South. But in hours, distances have shrunk. As a child in Yorkshire, I regarded a trip to London as a rare adventure. Now, from Leeds, London is one place to go to for a Saturday night out. When Eurostar opens its northern service, Paris will fall into the same category. In Our Friends in the North, local councillors can be bribed by a trip to exotic Spain. The past is another country: it was much more parochial.

cane of this means that England—or Britain—is no longer a nation divided against itself. It is just that the divide has shifted.

The great division now is between the suburbs and the city. (And, these days, small towns and the countryside are often a kind of suburb; people sleep there but work elsewhere.) The greatest poverty is in cities, whether North or South. And the greater the city, the greater the poverty.

Nowhere are the divisions deeper than in the capital. The 1995 edition of Regional Trends puts the average gross household income in London at almost £432 a week, a good £100 higher than in Yorkshire. (Remember that life in general, especially housing, is much cheaper in Yorkshire.) And yet London contains the three worst-off local authority areas in England-Newham, Southwark and Hackney Several other London boroughs rate little better.

Recently I walked around parts of the North-East which reminded me of the worst tracts of the United States: desolate and despairing. Men stood by colliery gates watching the pithead being demolished. I went into the Meadow Well estate, outside North Shields, where rioting flared up in the summer of 1991 and has still not recovered from its wounds. No one should underestimate such social tragedies. The North, alas, still has plenty to grieve over.

But if you want to peer into what the social investigators of Victorian England called the abyss", you must go into the dark heart of our cities. And, in particular, London. This is today's most painful divide.

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## Lofty view

about birds which get as high as the Royal Pigeon Racing Association is considering changing its rules to ban performance-enhancing substances.

Pigeons have long been suspected of drug-abuse, with fanciers slipping their birds cortisone to boost stamina and prevent moulting. The problem until now has been to catch them at it, but now developments on the Continent mean that drug tests can be carried out on droppings. Hitherto, any test would have required a blood test, risking the bird's life.

"The association has got as far as appointing a committee to look into the matter," says David Glover, editor of British Homing World. "The Belgian authorities have already put out a list of banned substances, and at least three fanciers there have been banned from racing."

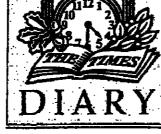
The association says that the subject will be raised at its annual general meeting next month: There is a proposition that we should put in place various rules and regulations with regard to performance-enhancing drugs and substances."

There can be no suggestion that the association's most distinguished member indulges in such ungentlemanly behaviour. Drugabuse is unknown in the smart new pigeon loft at Sandringham. And doubtless it is all-but free of droppings.

◆ For all the huffing and puffing about One Nation Toryism, sup-port in the party seems to be dwindling. The first One Nation



"It's out of date — the patients have all got beds"



dinner of the new session has been cancelled for lack of interest.

**Would you** buy..?

BRENT Borough Council wasn't the easiest vehicle to steer when it came to policy decisions, according a former chief executive. Michael Bichard, who is now Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education and Employment, recalls in the Times Educational Supplement that a decision could be "taken and overturned two or three times in a

The saga of the deputy mayor's car proves his point, he says. On a Monday, members decided that the car should be done away with. On Tuesday, they changed their minds, but on Wednesday rever-

sed their decision. On Thursday, Bichard was instructed again to seli it. But the Labour group set a nigh sale price, hoping to keep the car. Bichard claims they hadn't reckened with his skill as a usedcar salesman. And to Labour's disgust, he sold it to the leader of a Conservative authority.

One of the more harmless obsessions of book-collectors is the pursuit of "association copies": rooks from the libraries of famous people, particularly other writers. This occasionally throws up peculiar conjunctions. But for bizarrerie, can anyone match an item currently on offer in Cecil Court in London: the first edition of James Jeyce's Finnegans Wake - with the ownership signature of the au-thor of Mary Poppins?

### Palace prize

AS the Princess of Wales busies herself again with the plight of the homeless, architects are applying their minds to her own accommodation. The magazine Building Design has invited them to design her a new home.

Offering £1,000 for the winning entry to be judged by the panda-proportioned architect Will Alsop), the magazine says: "To cheer up D: in the new year, we want you to design an absolutely fabulous new



Béart blooming awkward

home for her as she might not be living at Kensington Palace for much longer. It can be any style. anywhere and should reflect her new role and interests."

 Preparations for the gee-gees week in Cheltenham in March have stumbled at the first hurdle. Work started this week on erecting the mammoth tent village to accommodate thirsty Irishmen and corporate punters, but yesterday John Attwooll and Co, the trusty suppliers of the tentage and furniture, saw its warehouses go up in smoke. I am assured everything will still be set when the gun goes off for the Supreme Novices Hurdle. Just possible

THESE ARE trying times for Torn Cruise. He has been dragged back unexpectedly to Pinewood to add some finishing touches to the feature film Mission Impossible, which he thought he had done with last year. The reshoot is proving a tougher assignment even than the most ardurus stunts performed by his on-screen

His co-star, the agreeable French actress Emmanuelle Béart, is now very obviously pregnant, whereas she wasn't when filming started. "The cameramen are using all their ingenuity to film her so that it doesn't show," says a stagehand.

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#### THE CHIEF STOKER

Thatcher's challenge to the Conservative Party

Happiness is not a word that springs naturally to mind when contemplating the Tory party in its present doldrums. Happy, nonetheless, is any party that has core beliefs in which it can take pride, and a statesman who can articulate them with the conviction that Baroness Thatcher brought to the Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture vesterday. Labour, whose task is, as Tony Blair understands, to reinvent itself, can call upon no such stimulus; and stimulation was consciously what Lady Thatcher set out yesterday to provide.

John Major, of course, is not looking for stimulus over the coming months, quite the reverse. Barely 36 hours after he had produced his own cautious strategy for the next election, his predecessor proposed ideas that could hardly have been more different. The Major approach, set out at a breakfast with businessmen on Wednesday, is to find

a consensus position, however limited, around which his party can unite, a position based on past economic successes, future economic prospects and the threat that Labour will destroy both. The Thatcher alternative is to confront the party Left across a broad range of policies, Europe, public spending, taxation and crime, disdaining unity as an end in itself and creating a position that most clearly differentiates the Tories from Labour.

For months now Mr Major has been calling for a One Nation Conservative Party and a rally on the centre ground, where right and left-wing rebels would march back together into the party tent. Yesterday Lady Thatcher described One Nation Tories as No Nation Tories and the centre ground as a slippery place inhabited by unprincipled spin-doctors. And she said it all with a certain nostalgia, as though she alone was now saying what needed constantly to be said. She praised the "habits of freedom" underpinned by sound institutions which appealed to Britain's shared instincts and traditions. Conservatives, she said, needed no lectures about society - about "the importance of custom, convention, tradition, belief, national institutions or what the

ancient Romans would describe as 'piety'."

She made clear that the modern party now lacked the intellectual certainties and philosophical voices that she and Keith Joseph had provided. Mr Major's Conservatives had sought the middle ground but they had not united the party and had lost the middle class on which their power depended.

Lady Thatcher's historical analysis is a persuasive one. She did succeed in cowing her party into unity for a very long time. Her audience at the Centre for Policy Studies last night contained many who remember the arrogant pragmatism of the "wets" in her first Cabinet and the way in which they were one by one defeated. She praised individually Michael Portillo, Michael Howard, Peter Lilley and John Redwood - but it is they who are now the minority, the Right which is now isolated in Cabinet on so many issues and the Right which was outmanoeuvred and defeated in last year's leadership election. Mr Major's spin-doctors have, indeed, colonised a small patch of centre ground for him to begin his attack on Labour: but he has given them no choice.

Indeed, Mr Major might have expected worse. True, she did not give him overmuch praise. But she did not seek to bury him. There was scathing dismissal of those, mostly on the Right of the party, who have hinted that a spell in Opposition was the only hope. The attractions of Opposition, she remarked, were "greatly exaggerated by those who have not experienced it". She praised Lord Joseph for his revolt against the Heath Government, but contrasted Mr Major favourably with the man whose policies she had so successfully upturned.

This speech should not be the wounding blow that some Tories feared and Labour hoped. It was essentially a lecture in the grand style, designed to keep alive the party's principles of Gladstonian liberalism. its roots in the individualism inherited from Erasmus, Hume and Adam Smith. One day, those principles will again unite and invigorate it. All parties long in power, as she observed, have to make sure that they do not run out of steam; in office, she had always regarded it as part of her job to be "Chief Stoker". She is stoking still.

#### LACK OF SLACK

#### Health reform should not mean higher risk

A 65-year-old man dies in hospital in Scarborough after being flown by helicopter 80 miles from Bradford, where a doctor's staff had struggled for several hours to find a bed closer at hand. In a Liverpool hospital, 35 patients spend the day on trolleys in the accident and emergency department, one of them for 22 hours. While the reforms of the health service gradually deliver shorter hospital waiting lists and a more efficient use of NHS resources, the flow of cases which require desperate search for scarce beds has not stopped.

Must reform mean risk? The political phrases which pour forth after each bed shortage drama obscure several simple truths. The imbalances between supply and demand in the volatile and expensive "acute" sector revealed by these cases do not throw the principle of pursuing efficient healthcare into doubt. Two quite distinct areas of hospital administration are under pressure: provision of highly specialised intensive care beds and capacity for accident and emergency admissions, mostly in big city hospitals.

To lump every complaint over shortage in the NHS into one allegation that a sacred principle is being trampled on, as Labour's health spokeswoman Harriet Harman did yesterday, is a breathtaking refusal to look the facts in the face. This week's cases revealed that a fundamental principle was under threat, she said: "that when you fall ill and you need treatment you get it when you need it." No government, as Ms Harman is well aware, can operate the NHS on that basis; it would be agreeing to meet all

demands made of it, however high they rise. The Government has already uneasily admitted that the pressures on intensive care, accident and emergency departments are a problem. Last March the Health Secretary agreed to review intensive care after a clutch of problems were revealed. This week, the Department of Health circulated best practice guidelines and permission for some casualty work to be done by lesser-qualified staff in an attempt to ease the effects of staff shortages.

Demand is rising. The British Medical Association found that emergency admissions to hospitals had risen by 13 per cent in the four years to mid-1994 and more than 6 per cent last year. The reasons for the rise are debated but the increase is undeniable. This change has coincided with a higher occupancy rate for hospital beds and a remorseless and highly successful drive to cut waiting lists for non-urgent operations. If the Government is to prevent reasonable public concern over very ill patients being shuttled around the country from undercutting its long-haul reform of the NHS, ministers must show that they have not simply ended long waits for hip replacements by extending the delays in casualty departments.

The DoH yesterday invited one of its retired Chief Medical Officers to look at how GPs grapple with hospital shortages. He might usefully consider extending London's emergency clearing service for hospital beds to areas such as Yorkshire and the North West where other tragedies seem otherwise ready to happen.

#### **UNAVAILABLE VENABLES**

#### Of court cases, contracts, cups and coaches

No theme will be discussed in pubs tonight with as much verve as that of Terry Venables. The coach of the England football team - to inform those who have only just returned from the Moon -- has declared that he will be unavailable to coach the national side after the end of the European Championship later this year. This has provoked a predictable cascade of passion and punditry. Is he right? Is he wrong? Should he? Shouldn't he? Why? Why not?

Apart from his record to date -- played 14, only six won - Mr Venables is no ordinary coach. Allegations about his business affairs hang over his head like a swarm of gnats: indeed, that swarm was there in force when the Football Association chose him for the coach's job in 1994. His diary this year is as crowded with unfriendly fixtures at the law courts as it is with football matches. That, in fact, is one reason that he has decided to give up the day-job after Euro 96. England will then begin the arduous yomp to qualify for the next World Cup, and Mr Venables thinks that his appointments with the judiciary will stop him from giving Eng-

land's footballers the attention they deserve. He is right, of course, even though the fuss ignores a simple fact: Mr Venables promises that he will give up his England job at the end of the summer, at precisely the time when his contract expires. There is no guarantee that the FA would have kept him on: current form suggests that it would not. If the "Unavailable Venables" story has caused a storm, it is, largely, a storm in a football cup.

The FA should not have picked him to begin with: he did not come with a "controversy-free" guarantee, and was not even the most skilled man for the job. His appointment was born more of desperation than of clear thought. Gerry Francis would have been more appropriate than Mr Venables: he must be in the running again. Mr Francis has always enjoyed the vote of our own football correspondent, for his knack of making a silk purse out of a sow's ear - exactly what English football seems at

present to need. Make no mistake, however: Mr Venables is not a bad coach. Our footballers have his company till the end of the season, and to the end of an important continental campaign. It is in their interest that the coach, having made up his mind about his future, be allowed to shepherd them in the manner that he thinks best. Mr Venables may have his battles in the court later. Three cases of libel and one for wrongful dismissal are enough to drive the stoutest of men to distraction. But before the judge's gavel comes down, let us allow him to win the European Championship for England ... or try.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### China's record in dealing with unwanted children

From Mrs N. A. Vale

Sir, The treatment of defenceless ba-bies and children shown last night in Return to the Dying Rooms (review, January 10: reports, January 9, 10) is the most wretched, despicable and pitiful that I or, I am sure, anyone else watching the programme have ever

May the members of China's Government never have a moment's peace until these atrocities are at least under control and the situations in the orphanages fully monitored.

Yours faithfully. N. A. VALE, Pike Hill Cottage, 9 Linthurst Road. Blackwell, Birmingham.

From Dr David Bellamv. President, Population Concert

January 10.

Sir. The report which you published on January 10 intimated that I was in favour of the "dying rooms" scenario in China. On the contrary I abhor what is happening and told your correspondent that the heart of the awful tragedy of the death of children in orphanages in China lies in the culture of son-preference and the inequality of the girl-child. Healthy boys are not being victimised in the dying rooms.

Son-preference and discrimination against girl children permeates societies in other parts of Asia, and has other forms of expression across the world. Why else have two major world conferences, the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Peking last September and the World Confer-

**Minority rights** 

From Sir Alfred Sherman

ence on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994 urged development, including sexual and reproductive rights, to be centred on raising the starus and equality of women and girls?

monstration than this example from China of the truth that we must measure a society by the position of women within it. Yours faithfully, DAVID BELLAMY, President.

178 Great Portland Street, W1. January 10. From Mr Jack Shapiro

Population Concern,

Sir. The Chinese authorities cannot win. In 1994 the New York-based Human Rights Watch group, determined to indict China for human rights contraventions, issued a report on incidents that had taken place in a Shanghai orphanage between 1988 and 1992. These incidents were drawn to the attention of the authorities, who then investigated them, and the situation was remedied.

Two days ago, when your correspondent. James Pringle visited the orphanage in question, he could find little to criticise (report, January 9). Naturally, the Chinese authorities are now accused of "dressing up" the or-

phanage to impress visitors.

Orphanages in any country are places where unwanted children are deposited by parents or authorities, and the buildings, care and facilities vary enormously. This is true in China as in Britain. But the fact is that the Chinese re-

cord in the care of orphans is un-doubted. On many visits to China between 1963 and 1992 I have been privileged to see the excellent care and attention given to the young orphans. many of whom today occupy positions There can be no more poignant deof importance.

Yours truly, JACK SHAPIRO, 100 Brim Hill, N2. January 10.

From Mr Beauman Chong

Sir, What do we associate China with these days? Human rights issues and dying rooms for baby orphans. In 1997 Britain will be handing over the six million hard-working Hong Kong people to the communist dictatorship rom which many of them escaped.

How could the British do such a

Yours faithfully, B. CHONG, 102 Greenhill Road, Winchester, Hampshire. January 9.

From Mr J. P. Dickinson

Sir. I suggest that one way in which parents and grandparents can register their disgust at the Chinese authorities' inhuman treatment of unwanted children is to stop buying any toys made in China.

No one fears the Restrictive Prac-

tices Court as it is presently constitu-

ted; and as a consequence it is all too

often easier to "fix" the market than to

provide better products and services

for the customer. The sad consequen-

ce of this condition is that more effec-

tive competition from overseas ulti-

mately takes the business and puts

Until Parliament provides strong

investigative powers to the Office of

Fair Trading and severe penalties for

use by the court, so that anti-competi-

tive business practices can be found

and punished, innovation will con-

tinue to have a low priority in the UK.

redundant workers identified by Tim

Congdon ("Where have all Britain's

middle-aged men gone?", December

29, 1995) will stay out of work.

Yours faithfully, IAN D. BRUCE.

l Sandiway Park.

lating legislation.

gion than those who do.

favoured by the media.

The Firs.

January II.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY N. DENCE.

Northwich, Cheshire.

No-fault divorce

From Mr Geoffrey N. Dence

Sir. In his lener today on the Family

Law Bill, Sir Bryan Thwaites urges

MPs to take heed of the Roman Cath-

olic bishops' statement whilst formu-

More people get married in a regis-

ter office than a church, and there are

more people who do not practise reli-

are not unduly influenced by a minor-

ity opinion no matter how much it is

East Grimstead, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

I hope our Members of Parliament

Hartford.

January 4.

Too many of those experienced but

Yours faithfully, P. DICKINSON. 52 Lansdowne Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. January 10.

our people out of work.

#### Trading failures

the economy, in services as well as

One explanation of why the US

economy is so much more vibrant and

innovative than ours is the presence

there, and absence here, of strong

competition law. In America no busi-

nessman in his right mind will in-

lulge in anti-competitive behaviour

for fear of ruinous fines on his com-

pany and jail for himself under the

British companies trading in Eur-

ope do face heavy fines under Euro-

pean law if they break the competi-

tion-law provisions of the Treaty of Rome: but for those who trade solely

within the UK (a substantial majority)

From Mr I. D. Bruce

manufacturing.

anti-trust laws.

Sir, In suggesting that minorities here Sir, Professor Kennaway grumbles have been "oppressed for genera-(letter, January 4) that manufacturing tions" Mr Geoffrey Bindman (letter, industry has not invested sufficiently January 3) maligns the people of this in R&D and design. However, weakness in innovation and its commer-Until quite recently. England was cialisation is a problem in all areas of

ethnically homogeneous. Minorities (including my parents' generation of Russian Jews) made their way here precisely because this is one of the fairest, most open-minded polities in the world - and I state this from firsthand knowledge of many. Otherwise they would not have come, or stayed

Professor Roger Scruton. in his article of December 21, rightly condemned the European Court's ruling that gypsies should enjoy special rights over and above others. That ruling, in my view, is a recipe for resentment and conflict.

The lavishing of privileges on min-orities, particularly by left-wing local authorities motivated by anti-democratic creeds - euphemised as "priories the indigenous population, particularly less-advantaged strata, provoking them to feel that they are being treated as second-class citizens in their own land and sowing the seeds of con-

At all times and places, in democracies as elsewhere, minorities depend in the last resort on the goodwill of the majority. Those who take minorities' name in vain for purposes of political axe-grinding do them no favour.

Yours sincerely. ALFRED SHERMAN. 14 Malvern Court. Onslow Square, SW7. January 4.

#### **BBC** bias?

From Lord Thomson of Monifieth

Sir, On January 9, the House of Lords had a major debate on the BBC Charter. Apart from three frontbenchers, 33 backbench peers spoke. One of the latter, Viscount Caldecote, moved an amendment critical of the performance of the BBC governors in meeting their responsibilities.

This morning's BBC2 news programme. The Record, included only three backbench peers in its report. All three were former governors of the BBC. Due impartiality as laid down in the new Charter? Yours sincerely,

GEORGE THOMSON (Liberal Democrat Spokesman on Broadcasting), House of Lords. January 10.

Darwin's finch

From Professor Emeritus

Sir. The report (January 5) of the finch

recently found in a Melbourne mu-

seum states that the specimen and

that of a tapaculo were "almost cer-

tainly tagged and preserved by

Charles Darwin on his voyage round

Darwin and the Beagle visited Aus-

rralia between January 12 and March

14. 1836, on the way home from South

America and the Galapagos Islands.

He returned to England, never to

leave her shores again, on October 2, 1836. Hence the Melbourne museum

specimens must have been labelled,

probably in London, when he was

sorting through his collections after

Letters that are intended

for publication should carry a

daytime telephone number. They

may be sent to a fax number -

South America in the 1830s".

A. J. Brook, FRSE

Recording evidence

From Mrs Mary Symes Sir. As I have been retired for more

no such sanctions exist.

than 20 years from my position as clerk to justices for five petry sessional divisions in Suffolk I do not lightly take issue with Judge Anthony Thorpe (letter, January 3) who says that "in trial by lay justices the evidence is not However, during the 37 years that I

served in this office, I recorded in longhand the evidence in all contested cases. On several occasions the judge hearing an appeal called for my minute book to settle a disputed fact.

l am, Sir, your obedient servant. MARY SYMES. Leiston Old Abbey, Leiston, Suffolk. January 4.

#### Adventurous Ashford

From Mr Martin L. Turner

Sir, I must take issue with your lead-

tralia.

ing article of January 9, "Rail romance revived", which said that "Ashford should rejoice in being put on the railway map", and that Nick Derby-shire, the architect of the new station, "has added Ashford to a list of towns spawned and enriched by the rail-

Enriched, hopefully, but definitely not spawned. This is a chance to rejuvenate a very old-established railway town. The railway came to Ashford in 1843, and the locomotive, carriage and wagon works was in business contin-

However, it is most intriguing that

the specimens have ended up in Aus-

The report mentions his voyage

round South America "during his

quest to prove the theory of evolution".

This was in no way the purpose of his

vovage as naturalist and companion

to Captain Fitz-Roy. It was only after

his return that in 1837 he opened his

first notebook on the transmutation of

Doubts about the fixity of species

surfaced in his mind only during the

later years of the five-year voyage,

stimulated in particular after his all

Sir, The preserved finch in the vaults

of the Museum of Victoria appears to

have been presented by Charles Dar-

win to the Zoological Society of London on January 4, 1837. In Darwin

(pp208-210) his biographers, Adrian

too short visit to the Galapagos.

19 Chandos Road, Buckingham.

Yours sincerely.

ALAN J. BROOK

From Mr Ian Leitch

uously from 1848 for more than 130 years. There is still a busy maintenance depot in the town. Crewe was only a modest railway

junction with no town in 1840 and its railway works opened only five years before Ashford's. York was established as a railway town only a few years earlier than that.

Notwithstanding this, I agree that Ashford International is both an exciting development and opportunity for

Yours faithfully. MARTIN L. TURNER, Heathway, Chapel Road, Hothfield Common, Ashford, Kent. January 10.

#### Desmond and James Moore, record

At the zoo's headquarters in Leiceste sare, he presented 80 mammals and 450 birds to the Society... He had no sense of a single, closely related group becoming spe-cialised and adapted to different environmental niches. The birds did not even seem that important when he donated them . . . rather badly labelled . . .

The expert he turned them over to was the ornithologist, artist and taxidermist John Gould (who was about to publish his Birds of Australia] ... By the next meeting, on the 10th — only six days later — Gould had linked them as "a series of ground Finches which are so peculiar" as to form "an entirely new group, containing 12 species"...

Darwin's birds and mammals were set out for display, and reporters from the dailies heard Gould's news. The papers ran the

Maybe press coverage is nothing new for this finch.

Yours faithfully. IAN LEITCH, 121 Abbotts Drive North Wembley, Middlesex.

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#### Perils and joys of a big lottery win

From Mr Hunter Davies

Sir, What proof has the solicitor. Mr Howard Epstein (letter, January 6). that the bigger the lottery win, the more chance of unhappiness? I know he has worked for one of the Blackburn couple who won £18 million, but he is generalising from that one very

particular case.

I have just finished a book (due out in the autumn) about the first year of the National Lottery in which I have followed ten major winners over the first year of their win. These wins affected the lives of 24 individuals, to whom I have talked at length. Only one is less happy than he was before his win. Camelot's own researches indicate that 99 per cent of jackpot win-

ners are happy with their win. I suspect Mr Epstein has fallen for the consolatory myth that every lottery winner ends up unhappy, which is what all non-winners like to believe. especially after this weekend.

Yours, HUNTER DAVIES. c/o Cobblers Cove, Barbados. January 7.

From Mr Michael Alford

Sir. If happiness could be measured on a pair of scales, would not the sum of 80 prizes at £500,000 defeat the laws of mathematics by exceeding the weight of one of £40 million?

Yours sincerely. M. ALFORD. 5 Arundel Terrace. Kemp Town, Brighton, Sussex. January 9.

From Mr Arnold Pulver

Sir, My wife, who last Saturday afternoon tried to buy a lottery ticket at our local newsagents, was told by a female iunior assistant: "Our machine has broken down due to the nation's greed, madam."

Yours truly. A. PULVER, o Howton Place, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire. January 8.

#### **Charity mailshots**

From Mr Freddy Kosten

Sir, The remedies that Eileen Bushell seeks against intrusive mailshots tletter, January 8) are already available to her via the Data Protection Act since, as Russell Vallance points out in his adjoining letter, computer technology is normally involved.

She can certainly insist that her "identity and personal details are not passed or sold to other charities", and indeed should have been alerted to similarly, she can instruct the charity to send her no direct mail.

Any charity, or other "data user", in breach of such instructions could face enforcement action by the Data Protection Registrar.

Yours etc. FREDDY KOSTEN, Co-editor, Data Protection News, Hoskyns Group pic, City House, 190 City Road, ECl.

MoD move From Mrs Jackie Morley

Sir, So Mr E. C. Baker (letter, January I) does not like the relocation terms for MoD staff moving from London to Bristol. As an RAF wife of 22 years, having

had 15 involuntary moves all over the world and four by choice ta modest military total). I would quite like £25.000 "relocation expenses".

Yours faithfully. JACKIE MORLEY. 54 Greenwood, Walters Ash, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

#### Mobile menace

From Mrs Sue Johns

Sir. May I suggest, that at the same time as installing the "No Talking" carriage (Canon Southwell-Sander's letter, January 10), the railways also provide some "old grumps only" coaches. Steve Race (letter, January 8) and the canon could then enjoy each other's company in silence.

Sincerely SUE JOHNS. 89 Westhurst Drive. Chislehurst, Kent.

From Mr R. B. Waterhouse

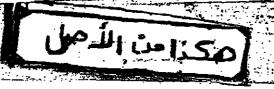
Sir, On the Japanese train, the Shinkansen, mobile phones may only be used in the areas at the ends of coaches. Payphones are also available

Yours faithfully. ROBERT WATERHOUSE. 20 Heather Lea Avenue. Dore. Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

From Mr T. R. Murton

Sir. "No Talking" carriages are an artractive idea, but as a frequent latenight traveller from Victoria, the introduction of "No Eating" carriages would be my priority.

Yours faithfully ROGER MURTON, 7 Royal Crescent, Brighton, Sussex.





#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

ST JAMES'S PALACE

January II: The Prince of Wales

received the Rt Hon John Gummer

MP (Secretary of State for the

Mr Hayden Phillips (Permanent

Secretary. Department of National

Heritage).
The Prince of Wales, President.

The Prince of Wales's Institute of

Architecture, this evening attended a viewing of Sotheby's Winter Exhibition for Friends and Patrons

of the Institute, New Bond Street,

January II: The Princess of Wales

received Captain Peter Wilkinson

RN (Commanding Officer, HMS)

Her Royal Highness Colonel-in-hiel. The Princess of Wales's

Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), received Lieutenant Colonel Robert Russell

upon relinquishing his appoint-ment as Commanding Officer, 5th

Robert Knight upon assuming the

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
January II: Princess Alexandra

was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at the Service of

Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of the Lord Grantchester

which was held today in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Term began on Monday, January

i, and half term is from Monday,

February 19, to Friday. February 23, inclusive. The Entrance Examination for the School (11+) takes place on Friday. January 19. Term ends after Founder's Day on Thursday. Mach 28 The complex

Thursday, March 28. The preacher

at the Founder's Day service at All

Souls. Langham Place will be the

Scholarships for sixth form entry

in 1996 have been awarded to the

Jada Arigbede: Olivia Alvarez:

Araminta Atha: Elgiva Field:

Xanthe Fuller (Arts Educational School): Annabel Lopez; Made-

leine McGowan; Bahareh McGowan; Bahareh Mozalarian; Katie Oliver; Priya Patel (Harvington); Sejal Patel; Juliet Riddell; Sharon Shaw; Chloe

Wax Chandlers'

The Lord Mayor has received a cheque for his St John Ambulance

appeal from the Wax Chandlers Company.

Mr Robert Gilbert has receive

a cheque from the company as the

prize for the best paper submitted to the British Bee Keepers'

Company

competition.

Anniversaries today

Oueen's College,

London

Rev David Evans.

following girls:

n, and Lieutenant Colonel

KENSINGTON PALACE

London Wi.

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His Royal Highness received

SANDRINGHAM, NORPOLK

January II: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by The Prince of Wales at the Memorial Service for Monsieur François Mitterrand (formerly President of the French Republic which was held in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, this morning.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January II: The Princess Royal today visited West Yorkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr John Lyles).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited Leeds Carers Centre, Leeming House. The Princess Royal, President,

The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later attended a Fund-raising Luncheon at Direct Line House, the Headrow, Leeds. Her Royal Highness this after-noon visited Shipley College, Ex-hibition Road, Saltaire, Shipley.

The Princess Royal, Patron. National Association of Victim Support Schemes, later visited Victim Support Merseyside Branch, Parish Centre. St Nicholas Parish Church. Chapel Street, Her Royal Highness, President,

British Olympic Association, this evening attended a viewing of the film "Chariots of Fire" for the British Olympic Appeal at Liverpool Town Hall.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as president, will attend a display of Prince's Youth Business Trust businesses in The Merchant Adventurers' Hall. York, at 10.20; will view city centre developments from 11.20; will visit the Law Courts, Castlegate at 12.25; the Council of British Archaeology, Walmgate, at 1.00: and will visit the studios of Mr Dick Reid, craftsman carver and restorer, at 23 Fishergate at 2.20.

#### Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at Ham. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

#### Lord Harris of Peckham

The life barony conferred upon Sir Philip Charles Harris, Knight, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Harris of Peckham, of Peckham in the London Borough of Southwark.

#### Lord Sewel The life harmoy conferred upon Ma

John Buttifant Sewel has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Sewel. Gilcomstoun in the District of the City of Aberdeen.

Charles Oman, historian,

Muzaffarpur, India, 1860, Jack London, novelist, San Francisco.

BIRTHS: John Winthrop, Puritan and 1st Governor of Massachu-ter, Naples, 1705; George Froster, ter, Naples, 1705; George Froster, explorer. Paris. 1794: Sir Isaac Pitman. inventor of a shorthand setts, Groton, Suffolk, 1588; Edmund Burke, statesman, Dublin, system, Bath. 1897: Dame Agatha Christie. crime novelist. Walling-1729: Johann Pestalozzi, educator, Zurich, 1746: John Singer Sargent,

ford, Oxfordshire, 1976.

Great Britain was founded, 1866. The British-Zulu War began, 1879. The London Co-op opened the first supermarket in London at Manor

The Royal Aeronautical Society of

1976: Ferenc Molnar, dramatist, Budapest, 1878: Curbastron Park. 1948. A Bocing 747 (jumbo) jet landed at Gregorio Ricci, mathematician, Italy, 1883; Hermann Goering, Heathrow airport after its maiden transatlantic flight from New Georges Carpentier, hoxer, Calais,



Cavaliere Giovanni Gucco, chief mosaicist at St Mark's, Venice, examining one of the mosaics on the Albert Memorial in Kensington Gore which were made in Venice in the 19th century. Rain has damaged them and large sections are to be removed for repair as part of a £14 million restoration programme being carried out by English Heritage

#### Birthdays today

Miss Kirstie Alley, actress, 41: Mr Anthony Andrews. actor, 48: Mr Ernest Armstrong, former MP, 81: Miss Hazel Aronson, QC, Sheriff of Lothian and Borders at Edinburgh, 50; Mr Michael Aspel. broadcaster, 63: Sir Charles Ball. company director, 72; Mr H.G.H. Barratt, trade unionist, 91; Lord Boardman, 77; Mr P.W. Botha, former President of South Africa. 80; Sir James Bottomley, diplomat, 76; the Hon Sir Richard Butler, former president, National Farmers' Union. 67; Miss Stella Cunliffe, statistician, 79: Mr Keith Dawson. Headmaster, Haberdashers' Aske's School, 59; Mr Brendan Foster, athlete, 48: Mr Joe Frazier, boxer, 52; Baroness Hamwee, 49; Baroness Hilton of Eggardon, 60; Miss Anne Howells, concert and opera singer. 55: Lord Justice McCowan, 68: Mr Denys Milne. former managing director, BP Oil, 70: Mr James Mortimer, former general secretary. Labour Party. 75; Mr Des O'Connor, entertainer, 64; Sir John Rennie, former Gov-ernor-General, Mauritius, 79; Sir Terence Streeton, diplomat, 66; Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, 65; Mr Peter Wilson, theatrical pro-

#### Service dinner

HMS Victory Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-inwas the host at a dinner held last night on board the flagship HMS Victory, Portsmouth Naval Base, for General Jorgen Lyng, Chief of Defence Denmark (Danish Army).

#### Dinner

1912 Club Sir Graham Bright, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held last night at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, chairman of the club, Mr David Amess, MP, was the sponsor. Dr Ian McKinley

**Birmingham Society** 

The following have been elected The tourwing nave been create fellows of the society:
Sir Peter Wright, Mr R N, Mapp, Mr LR, Bertinson, Mr Donald Broomes, Mr Neal Foster, Mr Don Maclean, Mr FJ Trowman, Mr Bill Turner, Mr D.P, Lopacka, Mr Patrick McCooi, Mrs Alice Powell, Mr C.W. Allen and Mr R.G. Bartien.

#### Memorial services

Lord Grantchester, QC Princess Alexandra was repre sented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Grantchester, QC, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church. Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray offici-

James Suenson-Taylor, sons, read the lessons. The Hon Jeremy Suenson-Taylor, son, read a passage entitled Retrospect from Fly Fishing by Lord Grey of Failedon. Lord Ackner gave an address. The Lord Chancellor was repre-sented by Mr Mark Ormerod. Among others present were:

Among others present were:
Betty Lady Granichester, the Hon
Deborah Suenson-Taylor, and the
Hon Mirs Grimstone (daughters). Mr
and the Hon Mirs Keth Lobban IsonIn-law and daughter. Lady Granichester and the Hon Mirs James
Suenson-Taylor daughters-In-law),
Mr Gradd Grimstone. Miss Jenny
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Grimstone. Miss Laurel
Hon Holly Suenson-Taylor, the
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Burnell. Mr and Mis Nicholas
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Moores, Mr Alexis Moores, Mr and Mrs Patrick Stubbs, Mr Michael Stubbs, Mr Peter Kirwan-Taylor, Lady Critichiey, Mr and Mrs Alfred Taylor, Mrs Kay Taylor, Miss Deirdre Kirwan-Taylor, Mr and Mrs Max Taylor, Mr and Taylor, Mr Soanna Walker, Miss Donatella Moores, Mrs Kirsten Rasmuston.

The Earl of Dartmouth Ipresident, Bucksy with Mr R E O Russell (chairmanh Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, the Viscount of Oxfaird,

Lord Aberdare, Lady Ackner, Lord Boston of Faversbarn, QC, Lord Boston of Faversbarn, QC, Lord Bord-Carlpenter. Lord and Lady Brightman. Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Lord Clark of Kempston, Lord Congleton, Lord and Lady Donboyne, Baroness Hooper, Lord and Lady Donboyne, Baroness Hooper, Lord and Lady Mountevans, Lord Alpha Lady Mountevans, Delrotre Lady Mountevans, Lord Oliver of Avimerton, Lord On-Ewing, Lord Pym, Lord and Lady Stanley of Aiderley, Lord Wilberforce, Sir Michael and Lady Palliser, Sir John and Lady Balombe, the Hon Jeffrey and Mrs Evans. Sir Mervyr and Lady Davies, Sir Philip and Lady Goodhart. Sir John and Lady Goodhart. Sir John and Lady Goodhart. Sir John and Lady Salomon, Mr Neil Elles and Baroness Elles,

Mr Christopher Gill, MP, Mr Toby Lessel, MP, Mr and Mrs P Ayling, Mr John F Avery Jones, Mrs W Churchill, Mr T G Field-Fisher. Oc. and Mrs Frank Greenaway, Mr and Mrs Horsfield, Mr G Hughes-Harman, Mr Raiph Instone, Oc. His Honour Stephen Oilver, Oc. Mr and Mrs Horsfield, Mr G Hughes-Harman, Mr Raiph Instone, Oc. His Honour Stephen Oilver, Oc. Mr and Mrs Horsfield, Mr G Hughes-Harman, Mr Raiph Instone, Oc. His Honour Stephen Oilver, Oc. Mr and Mrs Horsfield, Mr Robert Eaden (Cirk of the council, Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor). Mr Eddy Digmans Arts Councill, Mrs Jean Howman Chaliman, Salmon and Trout Association) and Mr Michael Dunford Secretary, Everton Football Club) with Mrs Lynda Rooney. sourmon and Trou sourmon and Trou monord (secretary, Everton Football Club) with Mrs Lynda Roonev

A memorial service for Ladv (William) Goring was held yes-terday at St Bride's. Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr lesson. Miss Lucy Morison, daughter, read one of her own prayers and Mr Nicholas Morris, brother, read from the works of William Wordsworth

Mr Charles Janson and Lady (Christopher) Bland gave ad-

#### Latest wills

Mr Alan Vyvyan Symons, of High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire, former deputy chairman of the Carrington Viyella Group and previously chairman of Tootal Broadhurst Lee, now both part of the Coats-Vivella Group, left estate valued at £595,142 net.

Mrs Irene Maria Warrener, of Worksop, Notinghamshine, left estate valued at 1001,734 net. She left 164,000 and effects to personal leatness (5.000 to Worksop Rutary Club, and 55,000 and 1710th of the Bessellaw Hospite of the Good Shepherd.

## Worksop, and 1/10th of the residue each to the Royal Sheffield Institution for the Blind, St. Lukes Hospice. Sheffield, the Dukeries Cheshire Home, Rerford, the Sheffield Kidney Research Foundation, Vortshire Cancer Research Campaign. Royal College of Surgeons, the Skin Disease Research Fund, British Heart Foundation and Suc Ryder Foundation. Other estates include (net before

Mrs Phyllis Mary Blackburn, of Iffley, O'dord............ E1.252.234. Mr Gordon Septimus Liddle, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire Harrogate, SLISSASO

#### Church news

The Rev Robin Mann, Rector, Wyre Porest West Group of Churches (Worcester): to be Rector. Avon Valley (Salisbury). The Rev Jan Neale, Assistant Curate, Great Coates St Nicholas, West Grimsby Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, St Nicholas, Great

Coates (Lincoln). The Rev Graham Newton, Vicar. Holy Trinity. Stevenage: to be Rector, Dunstable Team Ministry (St Albans). The Rev Charles Patrick, Assis

Curate, Barton on Humber to be Assistant Priest, St Mary w St James, Grimsby, w special respon-sibility for St James and Team Vicar designate (Lincoln).
The Rev Philip Rushton, Rector,
Litcham w Kernpston, East
Lexham, West Lexham, Mileham. Beeston-next-Mileham and Stanfield, and Rector, Tittleshall w Godwick and Chaplain to the Norfolk Army Cadet Force to be

Priest-in-charge, Scole w Billingford, Brockdish and Thorpe Abbots (Norwich). The Rev Graham Saunders, Curate, Olton (Birmingham): to be Team Vicar. Bedminster (Bristol). The Rev Kenneth Saunders, Vicar, Cherry Willingham: to be Priest-in-charge, North Kelsey, South Kelsey, Holton le Moor, Kirkby, Kingerby, North Owersby, Thorn-the Moor and Usselby (Lincoln). The Rev Canon Roser Sharpe. The Rev Canon Roger Sharpe, formerly Rector, Warminster St Horningsham: to be Team Rector, the newly formed Cley Hill Team

Ministry (Salisbury).
The Rev Michael Silley, Vicar, the Ingham Group of Parishes and Rural Dean of Lawres: to be Priestincharge, Brigg (Lincoln).

The Rev Dr Angus Stuart: to be Senior Anglican Chaplain, University of Bristol, and Honorary Curate, St Michael and St Paul, and Miss T. Iwashima

Clifton (Bristol).
The Rev Pamela Thomas, Assistant Curate, Preston Team Min-istry: to be Priest-in-charge, Weymouth St Edmund (Salis-

The Rev Jonathan Trigg, Vicar, St Thomas, Oakwood and Area Dean of Enfield: to be Vicar, St Michael, Highgate (London).

The Rev Eileen Turner. Assistant Curate. Sandal Magna St Catherine (Wakefield): to be Priest-incharge, Hammerwich, and Dio-cesan Local Non-stipendiary Ministers Course Director (Lich-

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr S.E. Andres and Miss L.J. Beer

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of the late Mr John Andreae and of Mrs Andreae, of Yattendon, Berkshire, and Lisa Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Beer, of Ely. Cambridgeshire.

Mr J.H.C. Bayne and Mrs D.P. Percy

The engagement is announced between Julian; elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Bayne, of Fittleworth, West Sussex, and Deborah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Norman, of Mr N.I. Blakesley.

and Miss S. Jeffries The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Blakesley, of Hyde Heath, Buckinghamshire, and Sandy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Jeffries, of Canberra,

Australia. Mr C.N.B. Campbell-Stanway and Miss N.J. Conroy The engagement is announced between Mr Charles Nicholas Brett Campbell-Stanway and Miss Nancy Jane Conroy, both of

The Hon H.W.A. Cecil and Miss N.J. Michels The engagement is announced between William, only son of Lord

and Lady Amherst of Hackney, of Hyde, Hampshire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Timothy Michels; of Alderbury, Wiltshire. Mr SJ. Din and Miss R.S. Waddington

The engagement is announced between Simon James, only son of Mr and Mrs G.W. Dines, of Mr and Mrs G.W. Dines, on Chobham, Surrey, and Rachel Susan, only daughter of the late Mr Nicholas Waddington and of Mrs Susan Payne and step-daughter of Mr Donald Payne, of Castlemorton, Worcestershire. Mr P.W.M. Harden

and Miss F.E. Freeman The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Harden, of Pullord, Cheshire, and Francesca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Preeman, of Kirby Muxice, Mr E.M.M. Jan

and Miss S.C. Garrett-Cox The engagement is announced between Emmanuel Michel Marie, younger son of M. Hervé Jan and the late Mme Annick Jan, née Ponaire, of Pontivy, France, and Sacha Clare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Martin Garrett-Cox, of Shrubhill, near Dunblane, Perthshine.

Mr DJ. Lipson and Miss A.P. Hudey The engagement is announced between Daniel John, youngest son of the late Mr Eric-Peter Lipson and of Mrs Irene Lipson, of Cheltenham, and Angela Priscilla, youngest daughter of the late Mr Peter Huxley and of Mrs Priscilla Huxley, of Milton Green, Chester. Mr T.C. Marsden-Smedley and Senorita M.C. Rodriguez

Ossa The engagement is announced and Mrs Christopher Marsden-Smedley, of Burrington, near Bristol, and Muria Cristina, elder daughter of Don Jaime Rodriguez Camacho and Señora Maria Cristina Rodriguez Ossa, of Boyaca, Colombia. Mr C.B. Matthews

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs David Matthews, of Hamels Park, Buntingford. Hertfordshire, and Taco, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Iwashima, of Shibuya - Ku, Tokyo. Mr H.L.M. Morris

and Miss A.E. Oppenheimer
The engagement is amounced between Hugo, younger son of the late Mr. Richard Morris and of Mrs Richard Morris, of London. and Arabella, youngest daughter of Mr Anthony Oppenbeimer, of Burghelere, Hampshire, and Mrs Frederick Barker, of Highworth, Wilshire.

and Miss J.E.V. Pettit The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey James, of Horninghold, Leicestershire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ratph Penit of Sidcup, Kent.

Mr J.R. Levene and Miss N.J. Dritz The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Sir Peter and Lady Levene, of Regent's

Park, London, and Nancy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Dritz, of New York, Mr B.R. Mechan and Miss T.C. Lloyd The engagement is announced between Bryan, son of Kevin and Christina Mechan, of Ranelagh,

Ireland, and Tara, eldest daug of Jeremy and Britta Lloyd, of Holland Park, London. Mr G.E.J. Nightingale and Miss A.E. Weston

The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs John Nightingale, of Oxford, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr David Veston and Mrs Michael Batty, of Henley-on-Thames. Mr H.D. Penifer

and Miss N.A. Floyd
The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Pettiler, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr John Floyd and Mrs Brian

Mr S.C. Sainsbury and Miss F. Morandin

The engagement is announced between Sebastien Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Sainsbury, of Belgravia, and Filiziana, daught of Mr and Mrs G. Morandin, of Vatican City, Italy. Mr J.P.M. Samengo-Turner

and Miss B. Bartos
The engagement is amounced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Fabian Samengo-Turner, of Bucklebury, Berkshire, and Bettina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex Bartos, of Bellevue Hill, Sydney.

Mr A. Sheppard and Miss H.J. Stone The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Sheppard, of Glouces-ter, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mrs Judith Stone, of Oxford,

and of the late Commander Simon Mr M.K. Simo and Miss K.M. Zmertych The engagement is amounced between Michael, son of Mr and

Mrs James Patrick Simon, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Katalin, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivan Zmertych, of West Hamp stead\_London\_ Mr A.J. Willis and Miss C.L. Knowles
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs Ronald Willis, of Coxheath, Kent, and Catriona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Knowles, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

#### **Marriages** Mr R. Mitchell

and Miss M. Winch

December 16 in Riddenden between Mr Rory Mitchell. son of Mr and Mrs Matthew Mitchell, of Norfolk, and Miss Miriam Winch, daughter of the late Mr John Winch, FRCS, and of Mrs Murray bourne officiated. The bride was attended by her

sisters Rebecca, Joanna, Christine, Jemima and Charlotte, and by Thomas, Sam, Bruce and Alexander, nephews of the bridegroom. Mr Christopher Ewbank was best

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon was spent abroad.

and Ms L. Newman
The marriage took place on January 6, 1996, in New Zealand, between Jonathan Murray, son of Professor John Thoday and Dr Doris Thoday, of Cambridge, and Lee, daughter of Peter and Pamela Newman, formerly of Whangarei,

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William Edward.

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to Catherine and Tone, a son.

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Docations if wished to the
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BATHER - Coiln Maclean suddenty on New Year's Day at the and of a wonderful day's ski-ing in Verbuer. Switzerland. Beloved husband of Valerie and devoted Lather of Alexander and Victoria Creefy wheat devoted bather of Alexander and Victoria, Grandry mined by his family and his miner remains. The funeral will be place or Tuesday, 16th January, at 11.30 ath at the Church of St John the Baptis, Windiesham, Fabrilly flowers only, but describe it deared to The Royal Garand Garter Mome, Stehmood, Surrey TW10 6RR.

BETTS - On 9th January, suddenty in hospital, Cacil H.E. Funeral on Friday 19th January. All Salah Church, Elm Grove Road, Ealing Wa. at 12.50 pm followed by cremation at Meritake, Flowers to W.S. Bend, 19 Bond Street, Ealing WS SAP, let: (0181) 867-0422.

BUTY - Heary Arthur suddenly at his home on January 9th aged 67 years of Upton Snedsbury. Dearty level husband of Barbara. Joving Eather of Tricia and Ann and a much loved grandfuther. Peneral Service at St Kneelin Charch. Upton Snedsbury. on Monday January 15th at 1 pm., followed by interment. Flowers or dengtions for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to A.V. Band Functed Directors, 41 St Nicholas Street, Worcester, WR1 1UW.

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CARRE - John Griffith died processiny on January 9th and 87 years. Formerly of Hampsteed. retired ably owner and Lloyds underwriter. Husband of Dorothy Laird and father of James and Martaret. No James and Margaret. No flowers. CLARKE - Dorothy May (nie CLARKE - Dorothy May (nie Leuk) percentilly on 10th January 1996 in her 88th year at Southampton General Hospital. Beleved wife of the late Judge Edward Clarke, Q.C. and sadly missed mother and grandmother. Funeral Thursday 18th January st 11.30 are Peter's Chirch. Lalebam Road, Staines. Family flowers, doesdons to RNOS.

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CLARKE. On Monday Jamesry Sh 1996 in Gerrell House, Aleburgh, Betly Cherk (nie Gauld), aged 98 years, widow of William Mortes Cherk, dear mother, mother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Alesburgh Purist Church on Monday 22nd Jamesry at 11.30 am.

de Burklet - Robert Phillip OBE, died at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, on 10th January after a long Sheen bravely borne, Lake of the RAF and HM Diplomatic Service, dearly loved hughand, father, brother and grandys. Funeral at Chichester Cremstorium at Apps on Wednesday 17th January. Family flowers only but donations, if degreed, to RAF Benevolent Fund. Donations and engates to Funeral Services (Petersfield, Hants, GU32 3HR, tel: (01730) 202711.

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EDWARDE - Stephen Zachary, Priest, Husband of the late Rulin Sentrice. Achieved Ursules and Tink, tother delice, grandischer of Dama. Sarsh and Richard Rocking born 28th December 1995. Died on 10th January 1996 after libeas gallantiv borne. In peace, in his 92nd year, Greativ belowed of all his family. "The Spirit shall return unio God who gave it", Funeral Service at 3t Marnarch's Church, Lancach-by-Loos, Contwell on Sabarday 20th January at 2.30 pm.

EDWARDS - John Basil Equards Ch.E., J.P. Died peacefully so 10th January 1996, spec 86. Beloved humand of the last blody and describ father of Marcus. Caroline and Patricia. Cremation (private), followed by Service of Thanksgiving at AE Samb Church. Bridge Street. Worcester at 12 noon on Pridgy 19th January 1996. Reception atherwards at the Old Palace. Deanaway. Old Palace. Deansway.

FAIRCLOUGH - Wilfred.
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GRICHMIST - After a short illness at Strillag Royal Islimess at Strillag Royal Islimess on 8th January 1996. Mary Lyie Glichwis. O.B.E., M.D. D.P.H. 1996 92 years of Grendon Court. String. Left Deputy Medical Officer of Leyten. London. beloved states of the late John and William of Changey. Fonce at St Columba's Crurch. String at 2pm on Monday 18th January 1996, thereafter to Falkirk Crematorium at 3pm. Family Rowers only please. Geosticae in Bos to The Childrens Hospice. Khaross. File.

GELLOTT - Inobel Barrell Gao nhe Varier's pencefully on Twenday 9th January 1996. Dearty forest and devoted wife of the late Nicholaus. Requirem Mass at St Many the Virsio Church, Innington, on Wednesday 17th January at 11.30 am. Family Howeve only Dominious if teetred, in Cancer Research c/o A.E. Bennett & Sons. 34 Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Awan, CVS7 GEE.

HOLLOWAY - Michael, Intely of Poachers Pocket, Summert. Cled in the evening of Jamasey 10th at Pokusain in Cornwall.

LARDAU - On Jamany 10th aged 92 at St George's Houstai after a short illness. Ernest, devoted husband of the lake Marjorie, beloved father of Jensiler and fond grandfather of Robert James and Thomas. Former Consultant Anaesthetist St George's Houghts, Pattern St George's Houghts, 255 pm Honday 15th James P. Albert D. Bernery. No flewers. Gonations if desired to Nightingale Lane. SW12 LIZALEK - Audrey on 29th December peacefully at home after a long Unsus. Widow of Jaroslav, mother of Carol and Sasha. Private funeral hus taken place. Donations it desired to The Auditist Scherout Society, 25 EZDE Road, London SW6.

MENNIAM - On 2nd January 1996 peacefully in an Easthourne Nursing Home Robert Lionel Shaphen Newman "Nogge". Retired B.S.C. Engineer, Funeral Service at Easthourne Cremstoriets Family Chapel on Thursday 18th January at 1.30 pm. PAGE - David W. suidenty of Scords Farm on January 10th aged 71, Beloved by his wife Einsboth, his children, and grandchildren and all who knew him. Private funeral, immediate family ouly. No flowers but donations to the Bruth Heart Foundation. Memorial Service to be assounced.

PERSONNETON - Deem Arthur
Pennington DFC (Penny)
died in Spain on 31st
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by his first wife, and a
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Picare contact Jonathan
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PHPER - On 3rd Jamesry 1996 quietty at nome with his family. Kenneth Aifred James aged 65 years. Dearty loved husband. father, brother, uncle and triand. Crematorium, High Road. East Fischley, N2. on Monday 18th Jamesry at 11gh. Family Howers only. Desaiting if deared to The North Lendon Housen clo. J.H. Kenyon F/D. 6 Woodhouse Road. London N12 CRC, mt. (0181) 445-1651.

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RUVIGHY - Pencefully on January 9th, Violet Evelya aged 95. Widow of Charles Rupert Wildbesley, 10th Marquis de Ruviguy, very dearly loved by her son Michael and all his family. Fuseral St Joseph's Charch. Rochsupton, at 2.30 per Tumday 16th January. SPLLITOR - Mary Joan, on Justiery 5th 1996 in hospital after a trapic Shome bravely borne. Beloved mother of

borne. Beloved mother of Christopher, Damie. Smell and Christopher, Damie. Smell and Alian. Cremation Service on 17th Jamestry 10,50an. Memorial Service for all het friends at San on Friday February 9th at Christopher Church Street, London. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Cancer Services, Charing Cross Hospital, (0181-846 7207). Peacefully on 9th Jenuary 1996. Kethleen (Kay), widow of the Rev. Michael Sims-Williams. lately of

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Tenters - On January 6th pecceptally at hatfield Herven Residential Home. Byth, widow of Brancher C.W.M. Tamels. reacher of Martin and Richard. Funeral Service for family and close friends on Tuesday 16th January at 3 pm at 8t Andrew's Church. Collegionure Ducks. near Tidworth. Wiltshire. Enquires to Daniel Robinson Fineral Service, int (01279) 655477.

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The first of the "Atagirls", Marion Wilberforce second from left, standing

flying helmet and shake out her hair. Marion Wilberforce was one of seven children of John Ogilvie-Forbes, the 9th Laird of Boyndlie, Aberdeenshire, and a man of renowned and granite-like dourness. Originally intended for the Anglican priesthood, he had converted to Roman Catholicism and became a papal Privy Chamberlain. She received her education from French governesses and at the Convent of Jesus and Mary, Stony Stratford. From there she went to Somerville College, Oxford, where she took a degree in agriculture in 1922.

At Oxford she took a keen interest in sports: she was an accomplished exponent of ju-jitsu and was a member of the women's mountaineering team. She also acted in the productions of the university's French Club.

In 1932 she married Robert Wilberforce, although this union was not always a foregone conclusion. Her husband-to-be was for some time undecided between the state of matrimony and a vocation to the priesthood, eventually deciding to test the strength of the latter by spending six months in a monastery. When this period was over Marion was at the monastery gates to collect him. She, meanwhile, had begun a career in London, on a field sports magazine, and began flying, encouraged by her two brothers. Her own first aircraft was a de Havilland Cirrus Moth from which she graduated to the Hornet Moth. In these aircraft, which she used to ferry livestock to

and from her Essex farm, Nevendon

Manor, sometimes from as far afield as Hungary, she had notched up 900 hours by 1940. From 1929 she had also taken a keen interest in the work of the Fairbridge charity whose aim was to take orphaned children from overcrowded British cities and find them homes in agricultural communities

in the Dominions. In the late 1920s

and early 1930s she visited Canada

and Australia to look over farm schools there. She continued her involvement in the Fairbridge Farm Schools until late in her life. Having no children herself, she often had Fairbridge children to stay with her for extended periods. When the ATA, which was formed

on the outbreak of war, began to find itself short of pilots, at first the option of using women was not even considered, and the RAF went so far as to hire foreign aviators - at greatly inflated wages. Then resistance to the obvious solution finally crumbled and the first eight women including Marion Wilberforce were recruited, in January 1940. This was done in a blaze of publicity — largely unsought — which was not entirely beneficial. In Germany, Lord Haw-Haw made much snide propaganda from the fact that the British were apparently reduced to sending their womenfolk "to fly vicious fighting planes which these unnatu-

ral and decadent women will doubt-

**GEOFFREY PARDOE** 

less enjoy". And in RAF messes the reception was often little more sympathetic.

At first Atagirls were not permitted to fly combat aircraft, but that bureaucratic rule soon became untenable, and by mid-1941 Marion Wilberforce was piloting Hurricanes and Spitfires. From fighters she graduated to twin-engined bombers and then to the four-engined Lancaster, Halifax and Stirling. By the end of the war she had flown well over a hundred different types of aircraft. In a single day she might ferry as many as four different aircraft.

It was very far from being routine work; the pilot had to do all her own navigation and the requirement to keep the embattled squadrons replenished meant that deliveries had to be undertaken in all weathers: cloud, rain, fog. snow and treacherous icing conditions. The celebrated prewar aviatrix Amy Johnson, who had joined ATA, perished in just such circumstances when the engine of an aircraft she was delivering failed and she came down in the freezing waters of the Thames.

In addition to flying, Marion Wilberforce was deputy command-ing officer and then CO of the Hatfield Ferry Pool, and in 1943 became commander of No 12 Ferry Pool at Cosford. The extra administration this involved meant little abatement in the volume of her flying

At the end of the war she declined appointment as MBE, but carried on llying in her Hornet Moth biplane. The skies had by then become more regulated, yet her exploits were almost redolent of the more happygo-lucky age of aviation in which she had grown up. She flew about the British Isles visiting friends and then, if bored, might decide to lunch in Luxembourg or take in an evening persormance at the Vienna Staatsoper. Once, she strayed out of Austrian into Czechoslovak air space, drawing fire from trigger-happy frontier anti-aircraft batteries. On another occasion she visited her brother Neil in Moscow, flying herself to Helsinki but being compelled to be a passenger for the

remainder of the journey. Only in her eighties did she give up flying. By that time, reluctantly, she had to get rid of the second of her Hornet Moths. Originally bought from an Aberdeen butcher, it found a home with an Australian sheep

farmer. When her husband died in 1984, Marion Wilberforce returned to Boyndlie to live with her brother.

many years was the first

person journalists thought of

when they needed guidance

over space stories. He cam-

paigned consistently for a

British presence in space, re-

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taken in the 1960s had handed

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remembered.

Education Trust.

he remained cordial and opti-

mistic. He died suddenly and

unexpectedly when on a busi-

He leaves a widow, Patricia.

ness trip to Kansas.

and a son and daughter.

leadership in Europe to the

Over the years he appeared

in nearly 2,000 radio and

television interviews in several

countries - he was fluent in

French and German. Among

his publications. The Future of

**GORDON ADAM** 

Gordon Adam, a former general manager and director of Barclays Bank, died in Switzerland on December 27 aged 68. He was born on December 21, 1927.

A QUIETLY prominent personality in the discreet profession of banking, Gordon Adam followed an eminent career with Barclays. As he rose through the ranks, his patent integrity and conscientiousness combined with a substantial experience in both the UK and in the international arm of the bank earned him a position as a director of the UK bank, as well as chairman of Barclays International Development Fund, and chairman of the International Trust Group.

David Stuart Gordon Adam was born in Belfast, but spent his early years in Canada where his father, an Ulsterman, was working as a naval architect. He was educated at Upper Canada College, before returning to the UK to take law degrees at Queen's University, Belfast, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Winning an exhibition and later a scholarship, he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1951. But he left the law after extended service as a judge's marshal with two outstanding Queen's Bench judges. Mr Justice Hilbery and Mr Justice Streatfield. After two years. 1952-53, at the War Office he turned to banking, joining Barclays in 1954.

After a year's grounding experience at head office he was sent to Southern and Central Africa with the inter-



national arm of the bank before returning to a succession of increasingly more senior posts in Leeds and Manchester. He became a

general manager in 1968. Harvard Business School followed in the spring of 1969, and in his subsequent career with Barciays he filled a number of prominent positions in which, always seeking the highest standards himself, he exacted them too from those with whom he worked. Adam also served for five years on the council of the CBI and, after retirement from Barclays, became a director of the merchant bank Henry

Ansbacher & Co in 1989. Adam was equally active outside his banking career, notably as a governor of Wycombe Abbey School for 20 years and chairman of its council from 1981 to 1991. His term of office was marked by a steady progress, both academic and administrative.

Adam is survived by his wife Rosanne, and by their two sons and daughter.

#### KENNETH NEVE

Kenneth Neve, OBE, industrialist and vintage car enthusiast, died on January I aged 84. He was born on April 19, 1911.

THE patrician figure of Kenneth Neve cut a familiar dash at vintage motor racing events. Whether picknicking from an ample Fortnum's hamper, or sipping champagne on the running-boards of his Rolls-Royce Phantom II. he was an enthusiastic presence at the race track. But Neve was not just a collector and spectator, he was also an active competitor, restoring defunct motor cars to roadworthiness as well as redesigning them to his own

specifications. After an apprenticeship with Vickers Armstrong, Neve joined the firm of Turner & Newell, then asbestos manufacturers, and remained there until his retirement in 1972. That same year he was appointed OBE for his services to exports. But in his spare time he indulged his passion for vintage motor cars. Before the war he raced at Brooklands, at first on a home-made motorcycle, then with a Brough Superior, the finest motorbike of its day, with a powerful twin JAP engine capable of reaching

Space Technology, published speeds of up to 100mph. in 1984, will perhaps be best In 1935 Neve branched out, As president of the Royal turning to cars of many makes. As a member of the Aeronautical Society in 1984-Vintage Sports Car Club (VSCC) he took part in speed 85, he was appointed the society's representative on the Watt committee, of which he and mud trials with a 30-98 soon became chairman. He Vauxhall, a fine machine with was active in many other open body, stretching bonnet organisations, including the National Industrial Space and sweeping mudguards, then considered one of Brit-Committee, and he was a ain's top sports cars. He drove former president of the Space this car everywhere, and his daughter was always to recall In all these bodies and annual holidays to Cheshire others, he argued that those and Cornwall when she would with knowledge and ability have the duty to use them for the solution of problems, Debe squashed into a small sideways-facing seat at the back and instructed to keep an spite the many frustrations of eye peeled for predatory pochampioning ideas that successive governments found unpalatable or too expensive, licemen while a trailer carry ing another car bounced and

Neve also raced a grand prix Bugatti as well as rebuilding a Frazer Nash, a fine old car which was driven by chain rather than shaft drive. He adapted it to improve its

jumped along behind.

roadholding speed and performance. After the war Neve was one

of the first people to take single cylinder motorcycle engines and incorporate them in cars. It was a relatively cheap way of indulging a passion for racing, and though Neve was an amateur, professionals such as Stirling Moss were later to take a leaf out of his book and follow this jokey but practical idea.

But Neve's favourite racing car was a 1914 TT Humber which he found laid up in Wales, and restored to working order, running it in Edwardian events of the VSCC for some 35 years.

In 1960 Neve's enthusiasm for vintage cars was recognised by his election to the presidency of the VSCC for



three years and, though his interests always remained more in the workshop than in administration, he proved himself a meticulous historian

of motoring. in 1977, to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations. Neve re-enacted the 1911 Rolls-Royce run in top-gear from London to Edinburgh. He fully rebuilt the 1911 car himself and drove from one capi-

tal to the other. Neve set down his recollections of his lifetime hobby in his book A Bit Behind The Times (1988). In his last years he worked to complete a 4ft model of a steam tug boat which he had begun in 1929

but never finished. His wife Jo, whom he married in 1938, predeceased him. He is survived by a daughter.

out the skaters and sliders.

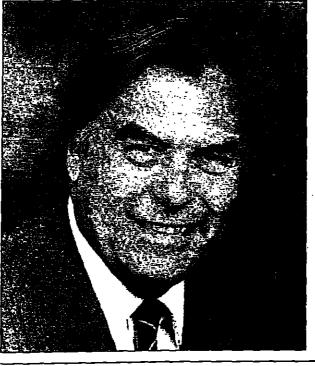
thousands of persons have been disporting themselves upon its surface by torchlight. At the time of writing the ice is covered with thousands of people. Here, as elsewhere, a great many persons have been thrown out of employ by the severity of the weather, builders, carpenters, gardeners, watermen, and other trades having their occupations suspended, and much distress is the result. To alleviate this, funds are being

dense logs in the evening succeeding to very heavy atmosphere during the day. The thermometer has in no instance since Thursday, that we have heard of risen above freezing-point. All the rivers are completely blocked, and trade at the ports of Maldon, Colchester, Ipswich, Woodbridge, and other places, is almost suspended, the owners of vessels preferring to lie at anchor rather than run any risks. The consequence has been a very considerable advance in the price of seaborne coals, thereby adding another evil to the already multiplied sufferings of the poor. It is now found that large bodies of agricultural labourers must seek relief in Union houses, tenant farmers most reluctantly parting with them in consequence of their inability to follow any out-door occupation. New discoveries of cases of most intense suffering are being made daily. and already the Union houses are rapidly

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Geoffrey Pardoe. consultant engineer, died of a heart attack on January 3 aged 67. He was born on November 2. 1928.

FOR almost 40 years Geoffrey Pardoe was a leading figure in space exploration, never faltering in the belief that space offered great opportunities, most of which were being missed by the British Government. He was project manager of Blue Streak, a missile that worked well but was cancelled on the ground of cost, and which later formed the first stage of an abortive attempt to develop a European satellite launcher.

Later he became known to a wider public through his commentaries on the Apollo space launches and articles, including some in The Times, argu-

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ing for a coherent space policy. Pardoe was no narrow specialist. In 1986 he was appointed chairman of the Watt Committee on Energy, a charity formed to promote the improved understanding of energy generation and use. He participated in many professional bodies, where his convivial manner and clarity of expression made him a natu-

ral leader. Geoffrey Pardoe was educated at Wanstead County High School, London University and Loughborough College of Technology (as it then was) where he was a successful athlete. He began his career at Armstrong Whitworth, where he was responsible for the first British guided missile. Seaslug. He moved to de Havilland Propellers in 1951, where he was in charge of aerodynamics and

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powered by Rolls-Royce rocket engines. After the cancellation of the programme, Britain attempted to salvage some benefit by proposing Blue Streak as the first stage of a launcher to be built by the seven-nation European Launcher Development Organisation (ELDO).

France provided the second tage. Germany the third, Italy the test satellites, Belgium the ground station and The Netherlands the telemetry links. What followed was a tragi-comic series of failures as one by one the different stages — though not Blue Streak — failed to operate. Finally, after the third stage had failed in the final launch attempt at Woomera, the UK withdrew.

Geoffrey Pardoe bitterly regretted the decision. For the sake of saving the ELDO contribution of £9 million a year, barely more than was spent annually on fireworks, he feared that, "we shall be out of any real space programmes

Pardoe became chief execu-Space Development Company and subsequently formed his

tive director of the British own consultancy, General Technology Systems, based first in Brentford and later at Brunel Science Park in Ux-bridge. GTS worked in more than 60 countries, in the fields of aerospace, energy, informational technology, communications, microelectronics, defence, remote sensing, inno-

CHANGE OF WEATHER. Last night skating on the Serpentine was again carried on with great spirit. There was a display of fireworks and various novel amusements. The ice was stated to be nearly 13 inches thick. There is to be a fair on the Serpentine on Monday night, unless the thaw which commenced yesterday should happily put a stop to the late severity of the season. All the parks were crowded yesterday, but no accident of conse-quence is reported. The weather at Worcester, which has been most intense, appeared yesterday to be changing, a partial thaw having set in. The Severn is still frozen up above Worcester, all navigation stopped, and a most remarkable spectacle has been presented nightly during the week on the Worcester Race-course. This large meadow, which lies on the banks of the Severn, was flooded at the end of last week, and froze to a considerable thickness. The water receding beneath it left the ice upon the grass and a safe arena for the skaters and sliders. These

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#### Thatcher on Tory unpopularity

Baroness Thatcher delivered a punishing blow to John Major's attempts to bind the Conservative Party together when she scorned the "one-nation" Tory tradition and accused his Government of betraying the middle classes.

The Prime Minister's hopes of a new year truce between his party's warring factions were blown apart as his predecessor said that the party was in trouble because Tory performance and policies had not lived up to its principles...... Pages 1. 2. 9

#### Mitterrand families stand together

The two families of François Mitterrand were united for the first time at his funeral, in accordance with his last wishes. Anne Pingeot, the former French President's mistress, and their daughter Mazarine, stood alongside Danielle Mitterrand, her two sons and grandchildren ...... Pages 1, 10

#### Juice price held

Britons were spared a 30p-a-litre rise in the price of fresh orange iuice after the European Commission answered a Government appeal by postponing a tariff on imported oranges... ...... Page i

#### Royal fan arrested

Bernard Quinn, an obsessed fan of the Princess Royal, was arrested in Liverpool last night 25 minutes before she was due to attend an official engagement in the city .....

#### Britons kinapped

Troops were sent into the Indonesian jungle to rescue four British biologists kidnapped by separatist guerillas.....

#### Carling split

The marriage of Will Carling, the England rugby captain, and his wife Julia is to end after just 15 months together .... ...Page 3

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Two more RAF crewmen escaped when another Tornado crashed during a training flight in Germany. It was the third Tornado lost in two days after a mid-air collision on Wednesday....Page 5

#### Branson challenger

Richard Branson faces a new challenger in the race to become the first balloonist to fly round the world. Henk Brink, a 52-year-old Dutch helicopter pilot and adventurer, expects to launch his at-

#### NHS under strain

Hospitals are cracking under the strain of a surge in emergency admissions that has caused casualty units to close and patients to be turned away, doctors' leaders

#### Medical Briefing

A sensitive scalp and pain behind the eye may be a sign of a condition that must be treated immediately, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford.

#### **Ducks** spared

Plans to cull Britain's most notorious duck are to be abandoned because ministers fear the sight of dead birds will infuriate animal ... Page 8

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President and Mrs Clinton's legal costs of El.36 million in fighting the Whitewater and Paula Jones cases have put them "on a collision course with bankruptcy", said Money magazine ..... Page 11 Patten's plea

Chris Patten, Hong Kong's Governor, challenged Peking not to establish a "counterfeit" Legislative Council and vowed to continue to call for democracy and the rule of law...

#### German gloom

Fresh proof of trouble in the German economy increased a wave of pessimism over the prospects for achieving the launch of a sintempt from Nijmegen ...... Page 5 gle European currency ... Page 13

## Sex Pistols plan a comeback

■ The Sex Pistols, the spitting standard-bearers of punk who incited a generation to rebel against their elders and to reject ageing pop stars, are threatening to regroup just as they are turning 40. The 1970s band, vilified for describing the monarchy as a fascist regime, hope to begin a world tour in America in the spring



François Mitterrand's daughter Mazarine is kissed by her mother Anne Pingeot at the funeral of the former French President. Pages 1, 10

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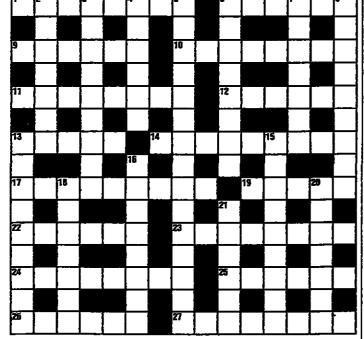
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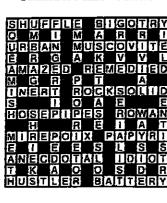
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2 Outcry from class over affair (7).

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- labourer (5.4). 4 Ostentatiously brilliant, yet unusually silent (6).
- 5 Easy profit of monopoly erred breaking it up (5,3,3,4).
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Sw Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland: bright spells and showers. A wet evening. Wind tresh, perhaps strong,

Outlook for Saturday and Sun-

day: remaining mild and unsettled. times, but showery, some heavy and AROUND BRITAIN

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FORECAST lengthy spells of rain spreading from west. Wind fresh, perhaps strong, southeast to southerly. Max 10C

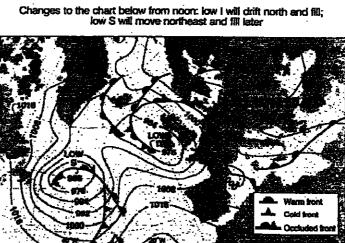
> tral N: bright, but some showers, especially later. Wind mainly fresh southeasterly. Max 9C (48F). ☐ NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: fairly cloudy, a little rain.

Heavier showery outbreaks in evening Wind fresh, perhaps strong, southeasterly. Max 7C (45F).

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